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NO RELIEF FROM COURT, KEJRI TO BE BACK IN JAIL TODAY

After 21 days of freedom, AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will be back in Tihar Jail on June 2 as a city court on Saturday reserved its order on his plea seeking interim bail on medical grounds. A day before he surrenders before the jail authorities, Kejriwal held a meeting of AAP's political affairs committee at his residence in the morning. He later attended the I.N.D.I.A bloc meeting.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 18.06.2024 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Bangalore Fraser Town 120200 **Mob No. 9962022231** 83100 45862 SIRAJ ISMAIL **A/C No. 120200NC00010258**	Residential Flat No 3004, 3rd Floor ' Mayur Daffodills' Measuring Superbuilt Up Area Of 1205 Sq Ft With One Car Parking Space And Uds 482 Sq Ft In Sy No 119/3 , S Medahalli Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore And Bounded On The **East By:** Land Of Yellappa S/O Kivudappa, **West By:** Land Bearing Sy No.119/2, **North By:** Road Reaching To Handenahalli Village And **South By:** Land Of Thyavakanahalli Balappa. Landmark : Near Indus International School	A) 13(2) 18.09.2018 13(4) 18.07.2019 Symbolic **B) Rs. 40,68,743.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.34,15,500/- B) Rs.3,41,550/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
2	Bangalore EGL Business Park **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Ramachandra Reddy **A/C No. 754700NC00001447**	**SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERY :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Old Sy. No. 30/23, New Sy. No. 30/35 duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purpose, vide order No. ALN(SJ)SR.110/2013-14, dated: 20/12/2013, Situated at THIRUPALYA Village, JIGANI Hobli, ANEKAL Taluk, BANGALORE District, measuring 0-10 Guntas and bounded on: **East :** Land belongs to Munisidhappa, Road, **West :** Road, **North:** Land belongs to Muniyappa, **South :** Remaining Land in the same survey number. **SCHEDULE - ' B' PROPERY :** (Undivided Share, right, title and interest). 410 Sq.ft., undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule 'A' property. **SCHEDULE - ' C' PROPERY :** Residential Flat bearing No.406 in the Fourth Floor, with super built up area of 1580 Square Feet, in the Apartment known as "SRI VANI SYMPHONY", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, and having 410 square feet on undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property, consisting of one Living, One Dining Hall, Three Bed Rooms, one kitchen and Two Bathroom, with R.C.C. Roof, Vitrified tiles Flooring, with all civic amenities, together with One Covered Car parking space in the Stilt floor, and other amenities.	A) 13(2) 14.09.2018 13(4) 05.02.2019 Physical **B) Rs. 57,37,179.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.35.52,300/- B) Rs.3,55,230/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
3	Bangalore Electronic City Sol Id: 123820 **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Anjanappa **A/C No. 1238300524025 & 1238300524773**	ALL that Residential Apartment property bearing FT-152, Third Floor in Block - F' of **"ITTINA NEELA'** built in schedule A property and measuring 550 sq.ft. of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with 165 sq.ft. Undivided share, right title, interest and ownership in the land comprised in the schedule-A property, Including one open car parking and in the said apartment the doors are made of flush doors and steel windows and mosaic flooring. INWITNESS WHEREOF both the parties to this Deed have affixed their respective signatures to this deed in the presence of the below mentioned witnesses to this deed.	A) 13(2) 03.05.2018 13(4) 12.12.2018 Symbolic **B) Rs. 43,68,068.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.10,11,000/- B) Rs.1,01,100/- C) Rs.25,000/-**
4	BANGALORE, Yelahanka (082610) **Mob No. 9962022231** MR. MOHAMMED AYUB HUSSAIN **A/C No. 11229011000458**	All that Residential Apartment bearing No. DG 57 in Ground Floor in Block D' of "ITTINA NEELA" built in Schedule A property and measuring 550 Sq it of super built up area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas together with 165 Salt, undivided share, right. tille, interest and Ownersip & the land compised in the Schedule 'A Property, and in the said apartment the doors are made of flush doors and sleel windows and mosaid. flooring.	A) 13(2) 22.04.2009 13(4) 11.11.2021 Physical **B) Rs. 68,72,932.11 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.9,00,000/- B) Rs.90,000/- C) Rs.25,000/-**
5	Bangalore Bansashankari (462300) **Mob No. 9962022231** MR. NANDAN GOWDA **A/C No. 462300NC00000525 Mortagagor. NANDAN GOWDA J & MRS. VIJETHA B.S.**	EM over 2BHK Flat No. FF -3, " ARHANT MSR NEEPA" Apartments, 1st Floor of 1400sft along with undivided share of 240sft situated Site no. 34 (Old No. 217/213/21/1) bearing BBMP Khata No. 217/213/21/34 , New PID No. 187-W0157-6 , Plot No.41, 3rd Cross, 7th Phase, J P Nagar Bangalore- 560078, and property bounded on **East by:** Site No.41, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 33 and **South by:** Site No. 36.	A) 13(2) 01.06.2021 13(4) 21.09.2021 Physical **B) Rs. 62,98,195.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.48,98,000/- B) Rs.4,89,800/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
6	BANGALORE BANSASHANKARI (462300) **Mob No. 9962022231** Mr. Armugam K **A/C No. 462300NC00000552**	**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : Item No. 1 :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No.34 (old No.217/213/21/1) situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming within the limits of BBMP and bearing BBMP Khata No.217-/217/213/21/34, New PID No.187-W0157-6, Ward No.187 of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq. feet, and bounded on the - **East by :** Site Nos.41 8& 42, **West by :** Road, **North by:** Site No.33 and **South by:** Site No.36 **Item No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No.41 (old No..214/210/21/2) situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming within the limits of BBMP 85 bearing BBMP Khata No 214/214/210/21/2/41, New PID No.187-W0157-5, Ward No. 187 of BBMP Bangalore, , measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Sq. feet, and bounded on the -**East by :** Road, **West by :** Plot Nos.34 and 35, **North by:** Plot No.40 and **South by :** Plot No.33. **SCHEDULE - 'B' PROPERTY :** 240 Square feet of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY :** Two Bedrooms Apartment bearing No.TF-1, Third Floor measuring 1400 Sq. feet of super built up area with Vitrified Tiles Flooring, one covered car parking place, part of multistoried residential apartment known as "ARHANT MSR NEEPA" constructed at SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY along with all the rights in the common areas and easements.	A) 13(2) 01.06.2021 13(4) 29.09.2021 Physical **B) Rs. 63,14,794.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.38,81,000/- B) Rs.3,88,100/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
7	Bangalore EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Sri Vishnu Charan Reddy **A/C No. 754700NC00000943**	All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing flat No.401 in the fourth floor " NEHA ELITE "Apartment site No.246, Sy. No. 37/5, Junnasandra village, Varthur hobli, Bangalore south Taluk measuring 1375 sq.ft. and undivided Area of land 305 sq.ft. bounded by **East by :** 30 ft. Road and **West by :** Site No. 291,**North by:** Site No.245, **South:** site No.247. Latitude:- 12.54'16.2N, Longitude: 77.40'45.5"E	A) 13(2) 23.07.2018 13(4) 07.01.2019 Physical **B) Rs. 58,08,272.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.34,00,000/- B) Rs.3,40,000/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
8	Bangalore EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Nori Usha Rani **A/C No. 754700NC00000907**	All that piece & parcel of residential flat G-2 on the ground floor in the residential apartment known as "NEHA ELITE" measuring 1150 sft. Of super built up area together with 291 sft of undivided share and interest in the property together with one car parking space constructed in all that piece and parcel pf, property bearing site No. 246 Sy. No. 246 Sy. No.37/5 BBMP Khatha No.391/360/246 measuring East to West 60 feet and North to south 40 feet in all measuring 2400 sq.ft. situated at Junasandra village, Varthur Hobli Bangalore south Taluk, now property comes under BBMP Jurisdiction in ward no. 150 and bounded on the **East by :** 30 feet road, **West by :** site No.291, **North by :** site No. 245 and **South by :** site No.247 Latitude:- 12.54'16.2N, Longitude: 77.40'45.5"E	A) 13(2) 01.02.2024 13(4) 16.04.2024 Physical **B) Rs. 82,00,392.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.33,35,580/- B) Rs.3,35,580/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
9	Bangalore EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** Challur Sarvanakumar **A/C No. 754700NC00001182**	Residential prop bearing 2BHK Flat No.402 fourth floor in the apartment abuilding known as SV Flora, measuring 1090 sft of super built up area together with 230 sft of undivided share and interest in property bearing No.15, khatha no. 60/2 CMC Khatha no.365/60-2/15 situated at Singasandra village begur Hobli Bangalore south taluk, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Khatha no.264/365/60/2/15 bounded on the **East by :** site No. 16, **West by:** property owned by Narayanaswamy, **North by :** Road, **South by :** property belongs to Narayanaswamy.	A) 13(2) 06.10.2017 13(4) 29.02.2024 Physical **B) Rs. 39,61,520.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.30,19,500/- B) Rs.3,01,950/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
10	BANGALORE, BANASHANKARI (462300) **Mob No. 9962022231** SHYAM SUNDER KANTA **A/C No. 462300NC00000598**	EM over 2BHK Flat No. TF -3, " ARHANT MSR NEEPA" Apartments, 3RD Floor of 1400sft along with undivided share of 240sft situated Site no. 34 (Old No. 217/213/21/1) bearing BBMP Khata No. 217/213/21/34 , New PID No. 187-W0157-6 ,Bounded on East by: Site nos. 41& 42, West By: Road, North By: Site No.33, south By: Site No. 36 and adjoining site no. 41 (old no. 214/210/21/2)bearing BBMP Khata No. 214/214/210/21/2/41 New PID No. 187W0157-5 Ward No.187 situated at Puttenahalli village, Uttarahalli Hobbli, Bangalore - 560078 at " ARHANT MSR NEEPA" Apartment , Plot No.41, 3rd Cross, 7th Phase, J P Nagar Bangalore- 560078, and property bounded on **East by:** Site Road, **West by:** Plot No.34, **North by:** Plot No.40 and **South by:** Plot No. 33.	A) 13(2) 01.06.2021 13(4) 21.09.2021 Physical **B) Rs. 58,90,984.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.38,15,000/- B) Rs.3,81,500/- C) Rs.50,000/-**
11	Bangalore EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR (754700) **Mob No. 9962022231** K DIVYA MURTHY **A/C No. 754700NC00000934**	Residential Property bearing Flat no 202 , 2nd floor, in the residential apartment" NEHA ELITE " bearing site no 246 Sy no 37/5 Junnasandra Village,Doddkenehalli Village Panchayat ,Varthur Hobli, Bangalore ,measuring super builtup area of 1150 square feet and undivided share of land 291 square feet and bounded on the **East by:** 30 feet road, **West by:** site no291, **North by:** Site no.245 and **South by:** Site no. 247.	A) 13(2) 30.01.2024 13(4) 16.04.2024 Physical **B) Rs. 89,24,638.50 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs.33,16,750/- B) Rs.3,31,675/- C) Rs.50,000/-**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider's website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com.** This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -बिक्रय IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 01.06.2024

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, QA/QC Division, South Zone, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE(QA/QC)/South/TEND/23/CORR-1/2024-25 Date: 01.06.2024

CORRIGENDUM-1

With respect to the Tender Notification No.: EE (QA/QC)/ SOUTH/TEND/23/2023-24 dtd. 15.03.2024. The last date for uploading the Tender Document and Date of Opening of Tenders are **postponed** as below:

The Calendar of Events as follows: 1) Tender document may be downloaded through E-Portal from: **05.06.2024 onwards.** 2) Pre-bid meeting: **12.06.2024 at 4.00 p.m.** at Office of Executive Engineer (QA/QC) R.No.101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002. 3) Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **15.06.2024 upto 4.30 p.m.** 4) Opening of Technical bid: **18.06.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** 5) Validity of Tender : 90 days from last date of receipts of tender.

The Financial Bid will be opened after approval of Technical Bid and other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
(QA/QC-South Zone), BBMP

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, BENGALURU

4th Floor, Telephone House Builiding, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

TRC No. 1484/2018

The Karnataka Bank Ltd., Raghuvanahalli Branch, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560 062. **...Certificate Holder Bank**

Versus

Sri K. Ranganath **...Certified Debtors/ Defendants**

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri K. Ranganath, S/o. Sri Krishnappa, Proprietor: M/s. Vijeth Enterprises, No. 166/2, Tataguni Kumbalagodu Road, Bangalore - 560 062

...Certified Debtors/ Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued **in OA No. 2312/2014** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on 10/13/2015 an amount of **Rs.11,48,264/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all the charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **24th day of Jan 2020**

Sd/- Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, Bangalore.

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that one of our Customer named Shri Ramesh Venkatraman and Smt Shobha Ramesh has deposited the title deeds of schedule property with IDBI Bank Ltd, Indira Nagar, Bangalore as security to secure Home loan of Rs 65,00,000/- with respect to his property as mentioned in the schedule below. IDBI Bank stored the documents of Shri Ramesh Venkatraman and Smt Shobha Ramesh at Stock Holding Document Management Services and the same were partially damaged in the fire accident which took place on December 11 2017. The Title deeds with respect to the scheduled property specifically mentioned herein below were partially damaged. Hence this is to inform the General Public at large that the Partial damage caused to the said documents does not effect the Legal Ownership, Marketability, Authenticity of the Original title deeds and other documents for the said referred property and any claim by any person/s institution/s etc shall not be taken as evidence and shall not be acted upon.

Title Deeds destroyed with respect to Schedule of Property are:
Regd Sale Deed No:55296 dated 04-03-2005 favouring Shri Ramesh Venkatraman , Original regd Sale deed No:32550 dated 29-11-2003, Original registration of Khata dated 10-03-2004, Original Khata Certificate dated 17.03.2004, Original khata Extract dated 22-03-2004, Original Tax paid receipt Year 2004-05 No60044, Original Sale Agreement favouring Shri Ramesh Venkatraman dated 14-02-05, Original EC from 01-04-2004 to 26-04-2002, Original estimate for Construction, Original receipt No:242300,636584, Original GPA dated 17-02-2006, Original tax Paid Receipt No 373467 dtd 15-03-2004, Original property Tax Paid Receipt 2022-23 issued by BBMP dated 30-04-2022, Original EC for the period 01-04-2004 to 07.03.2005, Original EC for the period 01-03-2003 to 31-03-2004, Original EC for the period 01-04-2003 to 31-03-2004

Schedule of Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No:03 Khatha No 2093/1924/3 formed in property no 50/2 of Kammanahalli Village, Kacharakanahalli,Dhakale,Kasaba Hobli Bangalore North Taluk now assigned as BMP Katha of Property No 10, Kammanahalli Main Road, Kacharakanahalli, Ward No 89 within the limits of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore Measuring as: East by: Site No:2, West by: Site No:4 belongs to V Raghu, North by: 20 feet Road, South: Property belongs to K Usharani and K Vasantha

Center Head: IDBI Bank-RAC, Ashwini Complex, No. 326, 6th Main Road, 80ft. Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, 560038, Place: Bangalore

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.: S/24/2024 Date 31.05.2024

Sr. No.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
340	NON FLAMMABLE SOLVENT BASED ADHESIVE	20000 Ltr	17-Jun-24
341	HIGH VOLUME LOW SPEED (HVLS) FAN 10 FEET DIAMETER	15 Nos	18-Jun-24
342	COIL SPRING SCRAGGING & LOAD DEFLECTION TESTING MACHINE, CAPACITY - 25 T	2 Nos	19-Jun-24
343	TRANS CATHETER AORTIC VALVE	11 Nos	20-Jun-24
344	TISSUE VALVE (BOVINE) AORTIC-ALL SIZE	12 Nos	21-Jun-24
345	R/M PAINT WHITE	60940 Ltr	24-Jun-24
346	MULTI STRAND TIN COATED COPPER 50 SQ.MM SINGLE CORE POWER CABLE	4479 Mtr	24-Jun-24
347	SPHERI BLOC FOR AXLE GUIDE & TORQUE ARM	929 Nos	24-Jun-24
348	INHIBITED MINERAL INSULATING OIL AS PER TYPE II TRANSFORMER OIL CONFORMING TO IS: 335:2018 SUITABLE FOR RAILWAY REQUIREMENT AS PER RDSO LETTER NO. TI/PSI/INSOIL/POLICY/19 Dated:-26.07.19	160869 Ltr	24-Jun-24
349	BRAKE CYLINDER RIGHT VERSION FOR LHB COACH	113 Nos	28-Jun-24
350	LONG LIFE SIDE BUFFER ASSEMBLY	178 Nos	28-Jun-24
351	BATTERY OPERATED RAIL CHAMFERING MACHINE	86 Nos	02-Jul-24
352	METAL LINERS TO RDSO DRG NO T-3741, T-3742, T-3738, T-8616, T-8617	100000 Nos 469000 Set	08-Jul-24
353	PROCUREMENT OF BATTERY OPERATED IMPACT WRENCH	86 Nos	09-Jul-24
	REVERSE AUCTION		
25	48 FIBER ARMOURED OFC CABLE	1156 KM	26-Jun-24

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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E & F)	(G)
SI	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date of Auction and Time
01	**Mr. Pradeep Kundapur Shenoy (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No: 637374621 Rs. 61,99,393/- [Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three Only] as on 28.02.2023**	**Schedule- A :** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Survey No. 57/4 (Municipal No. 29/57/4),** measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by :** Property of Sri. Krishnappa, presently Bangalore Development Authority, **West by :** Remaining portion of Survey No. 57/4 of Krishnappa, presently owned by H.K. Shakunthala, Presently Bangalore Development Authority, **North by :** Kanchi Varadappa's land and Hanumanthadevara inamthi land, Presently water drain and Bangalore Development Authority, **South by:** Private Property. **Schedule- B :** An **542 Sq.feet** of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property , more fully described in the Schedule 'B' hereto, and A Two Bedroom Apartment bearing **No.105**, 1st Floor, Block Emerald, to be constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property having a Carpet area of **1,240.75 Square Feet,** (PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/ PR/180917/ 002010) forming part of the Project named and styled as **"MAANGLAYA PROSPER"** bounded on the: **East by :** Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No E 106, **South by :** Open Space.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.60,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Only) .... Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Only)**	**08.07.2024 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**
02	**Mr. Venkaiah Panchumarthi (Borrower)**	**Loan A/c No. 639523771 Rs.78,29,983/- [Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Three Only] as on 30.04.2023**	**Schedule- A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Survey **No.57/4** (Municipal No.29/57/4), measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by :** Property of Sri. Krishnappa, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **West by:** Remaining portion of Survey No. 57/4 of Krishnappa, presently owned by H.K. Shakunthala, Presently Bangalore Development Authority; **North by :** Kanchi Varadappa's land and Hanumanthadevara inamthi land, Presently water drain and Bangalore Development Authority; **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule- B :** An **695 Sq.feet** of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property , more fully described in the Schedule 'B' hereto, and A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing **No.202, 2nd Floor, Block Jade,** to be constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property having a **Carpet area of 1,618.15 Square Feet,** (PRM/KA/RERA/ 1251/310/PR/180917/002010) forming part of the Project named and styled as **"MAANGLAYA PROSPER SIGNATURE BLOCK"** bounded on the: **East by :** Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No J 203, **South by** : Open Space.	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Only) .... Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**08.07.2024 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**
03	**Mr. Roy Narayan Chandra Father of Mr. Roy Subhajit (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Roy Subhajit And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. Roy Subhajit (Borrower) [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Roy Subhajit**	**Loan A/c No. 613903528 Rs.23,20,322/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Two Only) due as on 31.01.2023**	**Schedule- A:** All that piece and parcel of the converted land measuring to an extent of 1.05 Acres (One Acre and Five Guntas) in **Sy. No. 36/1** of Yelenahalli village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (DB) SR NO. 40/10-11 dated 17/07/2010 of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by :** Sy No. 36/2, **West by :** Remaining Portion of Sy. No.36/1 & Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property in Sy. No. 36/8. **Schedule- B: 327.29 Square feet** of undivided right, title and interest and ownership share in the land in schedule B Property. **Schedule- C:** All that Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. **C-105 in the 1st Floor** of the apartment building **"GR QUEENS PRIDE"** built in Schedule 'A' property and apartment measuring **1103 Sq.ft** of built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with exclusive right to use along with **One Car parking space** in the building and the apartment.	Physical Possession	**Rs.37,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) ---------------- Rs.3,75,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)**	**08.07.2024 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 21.06.2024 and 28.06.2024 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 30,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 06.07.2024 (Before 5.00 PM)
***with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 02.06.2024
Place: BANGALORE

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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ISRAEL PROPOSES ROADMAP TO END WAR

The US President shared a three-phase deal proposed by Israel to Hamas that may result in release of hostages and end the eight-month war

THREE-PHASE DEAL

First phase to last for six weeks of complete ceasefire, withdrawal of Israeli forces from densely populated areas of Gaza, release of all women & American hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners

Second phase would include release of all remaining hostages including male soldiers and Israel's withdrawal from Gaza.

Third phase would involve major reconstruction of Gaza that faces decades of rebuilding from devastation caused by the war | P11

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Sex scandal: SIT to soon seek access to Apple's servers

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the alleged sexual assault cases involving Hassan JDS MP Prajwal Revanna will soon request Apple to give access to its servers to gather evidence against him.

A source in the SIT told *TNIE* that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), under which the SIT functions, has been requested to help it get information from Apple.

"Besides the statements of the victims, evidence in the form of texts, pictures, videos and locations from Apple's servers will strengthen the cases," the source said.

If Apple grants permission, it will be a big boost to the SIT. However, nothing can be predicted at this point as Apple has a strict customer privacy policy that may pose a big challenge to SIT in obtaining information, the source said.

The 33-year-old MP has been remanded in police custody till June 6. The SIT sleuths wanted to take Prajwal to Hassan for an on-site investigation on Saturday. However, they could not.

"Prajwal is not cooperating with the investigating officers. He refused to answer questions and stated that he knows no victims in the cases," the source said.

Prajwal met his advocate Arun Kumar on Saturday evening. They spoke for almost one hour at the SIT office, the source added.

● THUMPING WIN FOR NDA ● ADVANTAGE BJP IN ODISHA
● BIG BENGAL GAINS ● PENETRATION IN TN, KERALA

Poll predicts exit of INDIA challenge, 3rd Modi term

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

SEVERAL exit polls on Saturday predicted a comfortable win for the Narendra Modi-led NDA government with over 350 seats, while the Opposition INDIA bloc was trailing at 125-150.

The ruling alliance is projected to open its account in Tamil Nadu and Kerala besides sweeping Karnataka. The exit polls also predicted NDA dominance in Maharashtra and a near rout of the CPM-led LDF in Kerala. According to the India Today-Axis My India poll, the UDF in Kerala will bag 17-18, and the NDA will get 2-3 of the 20 seats in the state.

Six exit polls showed the BJP-led NDA securing 20-25 seats in the closely fought elections in Karnataka. In UP, they showed an NDA sweep with at least 65 seats. They also predicted big gains for the BJP in Odisha.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the "opportunistic" Opposition bloc has failed to strike a chord with the people, the Congress called the exit polls orchestrated. "The pollsters and exit polls agency got it from a particular address in Delhi," said party leader Pawan Khera.

In the battle for the 48 seats in Maharashtra, most pollsters predicted 15-20 seats for the INDIA bloc and a decisive win for NDA with 30-33 seats.

According to India Today-My Axis India, the BJP-led NDA is sweeping Maharashtra. It projected 20-22 seats for the BJP and 8-10 seats for Shinde's Sena.

At least three pollsters predicted BJP gains in Bengal. While the India Today-Axis My India predicted 26-31 seats for the BJP, Today's Chanakya gave it 24 seats.

EXIT POLL RESULTS

Pollster	NDA	INDIA	Others
IABP News-C Voter	353-383	152-182	4-12
Times Now-ETG	358	152	33
India TV-CNX	371-401	109-139	28-38
Dainik Bhaskar	285-350	145-201	33-49
India News-D-Dynamics	371	125	47
Jan Ki Baat	362-392	141-161	10-20
Republic Bharat-Matrize	353-368	118-133	43-48
Republic TV-P MARQ	359	154	30
India Today-My Axis India	361-401	131-166	8-20
POLL OF POLLS	364	146	30

PROJECTIONS FOR RAJASTHAN, BIHAR

Though the Opposition was hoping to make significant gains in Rajasthan and Bihar, at least three exit polls predicted massive gains for the NDA in those states

The opportunistic INDI Alliance failed to strike a chord with the voters... regressive politics has been rejected

Narendra Modi, PM

BJP COMEBACK?

ROUT FOR RULING CONG IN K'TAKA?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

IF Saturday's mega exit polls are to be believed, the situation is turning out to be grim for the ruling Congress in Karnataka as most pollsters have not given it double digits in the 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state.

If predictions come true on Tuesday, when the results are officially announced, political ripples in Karnataka politics, especially in the ruling Congress and its government, cannot be ruled out.

As per the predictions, the picture for I.N.D.I.A at the national level is also not bright. The exit polls predicted a setback for AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, who had predicted 128 seats for Congress at the national level.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar, however, said, "Exit polls typically have small sample sizes and hence don't give the right numbers. I don't have faith in exit polls.....Exit polls are giving 3-4 seats to Congress in Karnataka, but we will win seats in double digits. The I.N.D.I.A bloc will come to power in India."

For Congress, which banked on its five guarantees and hoped to win 20 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state, such a scenario would come as a major setback.

Meanwhile, in the BJP ranks, some of the leaders — especially, detractors of former CM BS Yediyurappa — may raise a furore over the party not being able to make a clean sweep under his son BY Vijayendra's leadership. But BJP sources clarified that there will be no change in the leadership whatsoever as the party would win over 20 seats.

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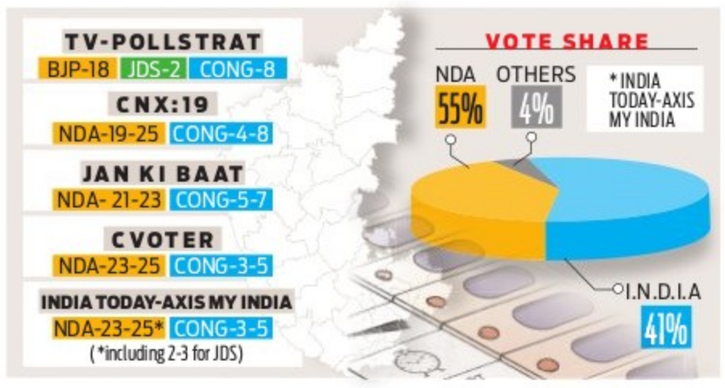

(L) An injured person in West Bengal violence; and EVM & VVPAT dumped in a pond in the state | PTI

Violence mars final phase in Bengal, turnout over 60%

PREETHA NAIR & SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ New Delhi/Kolkata

IT was curtains for the marathon Lok Sabha elections on Saturday with the seventh and final phase of polling coming to an end. The average voter turnout for the last phase was over 60%.

The final leg of the election saw voting for 57 seats across eight states and Union Territories, including Varanasi, the high-profile constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is seeking a third term at the top job.

Sporadic incidents of violence marred the final phase of polls in West Bengal, as Trinamool Congress and BJP workers clashed in various parts of the state, including Kolkata, Jadavpur and Diamond Harbour constituencies.

In Kultoli in South 24 Parganas district, a mob forced its way into a polling station, seizing a reserve Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) along with the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) unit and threw them into a nearby pond.

Defamation: CM, DCM get bail, Rahul told to appear on June 7

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court on Saturday granted bail to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in a defamation case filed by the BJP.

Judge KN Shivakumar directed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to appear before him on June 7 without fail.

The BJP had filed a private complaint accusing these leaders of defaming it through advertisements in newspapers on May 5, 2023, ahead of Assembly elections in the state.

Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, who are accused No. 2 and 3, respectively, submitted applications seeking bail.

Rahul, accused No 4, did not appear before the court on Saturday despite an exemption from appearance given to him on April 29. He sought one more exemption stating that he could not appear because of a meeting of I.N.D.I.A. leaders.

BJP's counsel objected to Rahul's application stating that he had already been given an exemption. He cannot escape from appearance as all are equal before law.

The court should not exempt him from appearance and issue a warrant against him, he argued.

Rahul's counsel argued that the Congress leader's absence was not intentional. The court has the power to give exemptions as per the latest judgment of the apex court, he said.

In the complaint, the BJP alleged that as the state president of a political party, Shivakumar released advertisements on May 5, 2023, to all newspapers in which he made baseless and false allegations against it.

KPCC, Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah and Rahul Gandhi conspired to defame BJP by levelling false allegations, the complaint stated.

The accused made baseless allegations against the BJP by releasing advertisements under the title, "Corruption Rate Card", the counsel said.

EXPRESS READ

Justice Kameswar Rao new judge of K'taka HC

Bengaluru: Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao took oath as judge of the Karnataka High Court on Saturday. He was transferred from the Delhi HC to Karnataka on May 29 | P6

CET results out, boys bag top 10 engg ranks

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on Saturday announced the Common Entrance Test results for admissions to various BTech courses. This year, all the top 10 ranks in engineering have been bagged by boys | P7

CHESS WORLD: CHENNAI BIDS FOR TITLE CLASH

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

CHENNAI has entered the race to host the World Championship final between D Gukesh and Ding Liren. The Tamil Nadu capital is one among three cities — New Delhi and Singapore are the two other cities — to have submitted bids to host the prestigious event. The hosting of the event will not come cheap either.

All three bidders have agreed to a minimum guarantee money of $8.5 million (approx ₹71 crore).

What seems interesting is that the newly-elected All India Chess Federation (AICF) that doesn't have any member from chess powerhouses like TN, has backed New Delhi as the host. The Capital city is backed by the sports ministry as well.

Yet, according to FIDE, the TN government was the first to submit the bid to host the event in Chennai. According to FIDE, Delhi was the last city to bid. Chennai decided to enter the bidding process after FIDE had approached the TN government.

According to a top TN official, the FIDE had written to Chief Minister M K Stalin urging them to bid. The logic behind this is that Chennai had hosted the Chess Olympiad successfully in 2022 and also other high profile chess tournaments.

Ding Liren D Gukesh

The city had hosted the event in 2013 when Viswanathan Anand faced Magnus Carlsen. Gukesh has had good outings in his hometown during the Chess Olympiad.

SDAT member secretary Meghanath Reddy confirmed the development and said the city is bidding independently and has nothing to do with AICF bid.

Singapore, because of its neutrality, may find favour, but historically, Chennai has the edge because of its chess legacy. However, it all depends on what FIDE would be looking for while selecting a venue.

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BRIGHTSIDE

ALMANAC TODAY
• Sunday: 02.06.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Uttharayana
• Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Vaishaka • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Ekadasi 1.15 am
• Nakshatra: Revathi 12.41 am • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Strong thunderstorms

Sunrise 05.52 am
Sunset 06.43 pm
Moonrise 02.11 am
Moonset 02.45 pm

(Left) Inmates being trained in making Ganesha idols and horticulture, at the special home of ECHO in Bengaluru

An inmate feeds rabbits

THE CHILD IN THEM

Children in conflict with law often have a brutal past. ECHO provides them a reformed future where they feel wanted

The dormitory at the special home

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE Pune teen horror has once again brought the focus back on juvenile offenders. Why do some children commit some of the most heinous crimes? With no particular criminal inclinations, most children in conflict with law (CCLs) have been found to be products of a lack of parental care, neglect, abuse, violence at home, etc. Also, poverty is a contributing factor, which puts them in the crosshairs of the world.

At the special home for CCLs in Bengaluru, there are 37 inmates aged between 15 and 22 years, who are getting educated and are imparted skills for a reformed and better life. "Out of the 37 inmates, there are 14 juveniles, who have fathered a child in early adolescence, allegedly as part of their tribal custom and were convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act," says Dr Antony Sebastian, Founder and Executive Director, ECHO (Empowerment of Children and Human Rights Organisation) – a non-profit organisation, which manages the Government Special Home for CCLs. "Child pregnancy is not uncommon in this tribal community. Those with complications get admitted in hospitals and are reported. The government, also with the help of NGOs, is making consistent efforts to spread awareness on child marriage in sensitive and vulnerable communities," he adds.

The remaining 13 inmates have been convicted of heinous crimes by the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) – for rape, murder, dacoity, robbery, etc. – under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. They were sent to the special home for reformation and rehabilitation for a three-year period. The oldest is 22 years old. He was convicted for murder before the JJ Act was amended in 2015. He was earlier released on bail, but later convicted for the crime by the JJB.

Remorse and Repentance

An adolescent was convicted for rape. Another 17-year-old was convicted for murder and brought to the centre. He had murdered his brother – a PUC student – with an iron rod in an inebriated state. One juvenile (17) was convicted for brutally attacking his mother, when she refused to give him her mobile phone. The personal narratives are horrific and gut-wrenching. The inmates are remorseful and repent for their crime in retrospect. They fall silent, when asked why they committed it. Their eyes don't meet yours, but look far away, beyond the horizon even as they whisper uncomfortably about their past.

"All inmates at the special home come from disadvantaged backgrounds; of broken homes, alcohol abuse, violence, and poverty. Most of them are either orphans, abandoned by their parents or abused by step-parents," says Sebastian, adding that 85-90 per cent of the children who come into conflict with the law hail from brutal backgrounds, where they have been neglected; severely abused emotionally, physically, or sexually; or have undergone severe trauma and deprivation. "Every child in conflict with the law is a child who would have been in need of care and protection at some point in time in their life," he adds.

"When a juvenile is brought to the centre, we closely monitor him for the first 15 days. Most of them are substance abusers and go through withdrawal symptoms, depression and anxiety at being taken away from home. We counsel them and win their trust and it is then that they slowly open up," says ECHO Home Superintendent Biju P Thomas. He adds that within 24 hours of being brought to the centre, around 15 per cent ask for their parents. "Some ask for them later and there are some who don't ask for anyone at all, because perhaps there is no one back home, who would inquire for them," he mentions.

As part of the reform and rehabilitation at the Government Special Home, inmates are encouraged to study and are skill-trained in various activities, including farming and dairy, in the two-and-half-acre campus. "We have started a short-term course in hotel management. Five students have cleared their PUC, three their SSLC exams in second division, and one is studying for his undergraduate degree," says Thomas. Yoga, meditation, and art therapy are part of the daily routine at the special home, recently re-modelled by Bosch under its CSR initiative.

Regarding the success of the programme, Sebastian says that since the inception of the special home in 2011, they have had 287 juveniles. "Those who left after the completion of their reform and rehabilitation period are earning their livelihood honourably. We watch them for at least three years. Their safety is as important as their social integration. We have seen a lot of children getting into conflict with law under adult influence. We have had no repeat entrees in our home," he concludes.

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– Dr Antony Sebastian, Founder and Executive Director of ECHO

CHILD-FRIENDLY MODEL

ECHO Special Home is a unique and child-friendly model of reformation and rehabilitation of CCLs. Since its inception in 2011, it facilitated maximum reintegration of CCLs back to society, with dignity. The reformation and rehabilitation programme consists of regular counselling for the inmates and family, and various kinds of creative activities with a well-planned timetable. There is an emphasis on continuing formal education, as a majority of juvenile offenders are school dropouts. Besides regular academics, there is practical exposure to farming, horticulture, cattle-rearing, mushroom cultivation, tailoring, and outstation exposure visits, along with yoga, music and dance. They are also taught administrative skills through 'bal panchayats'. After completion of their detention, ECHO conducts regular follow-up of the released children, to know about their situation and understand any further need for intervention, such as counselling, placement, etc. Through the Bosch CSR support, ECHO has introduced skill-based rehabilitation of inmates, that has benefited them immensely and has positively contributed towards their change.

Greening forests the Miyawaki way

This method helps forests grow ten times faster than the natural way

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IN an innovative initiative, children from three families at Hosalli Pallakkihara, just 5 km from Chikkamagaluru, adopted the unique Japanese Miyawaki method to nurture plants and expand greenery.

The Miyawaki method, developed by Akira Miyawaki in the 1980s, creates dense, fast-growing forests by planting native species in close proximity to replicate natural forest cover. The key features include using native species, dense multi-layered planting, enriched soil, and minimal maintenance. This method fosters rapid growth, achieving maturity in 20-30 years. The growth of this forest is ten times faster than a natural forest. Benefits include increased biodiversity, enhanced carbon sequestration, urban greening, and improved ecosystem. Successfully implemented globally, it transforms degraded land into lush green spaces, particularly in urban areas.

Ashwini and Ajay, both architects, are engaged in the new project on their estate attached to the Guru Nirvana Swamy Mutt. It involves developing a mini forest by planting various species of saplings in a quarter of the 16-acre Hosalli Pallakkihara using the Miyawaki method. Speaking to TNSE, Ashwini said that 600 saplings have been planted in the area and they plan to develop the forest three times more.

"I learnt that many builders in Hyderabad are adopting the Miyawaki method to develop mini forests in residential areas. During our frequent travel to Hyderabad, we learnt more about the method. We created awareness among our children, and invited other kids between 14-18 years, teaching them about the importance of raising forests. Our experiment was a success. By giving aid and guidance, we want to pay back the debt of the soil," elaborated Ashwini.

Andita Ajay of Nirvana Swamy Matadamane, AN Dhruva of the Aralaguppe family and Vedanthi of the Togarihankal family embarked on this social project of raising 600 plants in an area of 4,000sqft in the first stage. Saplings of local species such as mango, jackfruit, pannerale, tamarind, nelli, guava, sampige, matti and atti are planted.

Dumpyard to greenspace

Pallakkihara was once an open space which was used as a dumpyard for garbage and litter. But today, the 4,000 sqft area is secured by a 5-km fence to protect a mini forest that was created using the Miyawaki method. The land was levelled using hoeback machines and divided into three blocks. A three-foot pit was dug over which cow dung, sugarcane stalks, and new soil were spread. Besides, advanced machines were used to dig pits, leaving a gap of three feet between each plant. "Different species of plants are planted here," said Ajay.

AB Sudarshan, president of the Chikkamagaluru Golf Club, complimented the children for undertaking this new project at a time when farmlands and forests are turning into concrete jungle, and when the earth is in distress due to global warming. "A Miyawaki-type forest provides shelter to birds, small animals, butterflies, and bees. This Miyawaki method has been a way of growing forests in small areas in cities and towns. Government organisations should show interest in this regard," he suggested.

Children plant saplings at H Pallakkihara using Miyawaki method

CET results out, boys bag top 10 engg ranks

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THE Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) on Saturday announced the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET-2024) results which is the gateway to professional courses in colleges in the state.

Out of the 3,49,653 candidates, 3,10,314 appeared and are eligible for ranks. Of the eligible students, 1,39,274 are boys and 1,71,040 are girls. A total of 2,74,595 students are eligible for engineering this year. All the top 10 ranks have been bagged by boys.

Harsha Karthikeya Vutukuri from Narayana Olympiad School, Sahakara Nagar, secured the top rank in CET for engineering, followed by Manoj Sohan Gajula from Sri Chaithanya Techno School in Marathahalli and Abhinav PJ from Nehru Smaraka Vidyalaya in JP Nagar.

In other streams, 2,19,483 students are eligible for Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS) course, 2,15,965 students for B.Sc (Agri), 2,19,887 for Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), 2,78,919 for B.Pharma, 2,79,313 for Pharma-D and 2,28,058 for B.Sc (Nursing). Like last year, registration for Biology students outnumbered eligible students for engineering.

For BYNS course, the first two spots were secured by Nihaar SR and Sanjana Santosh Katti from Expert PU Science College in Mangaluru. The third rank was bagged by Bengaluru boy Preetam Ravalappa Panasudakar from Seshadripuram Comp PU College. Nihaar also topped the BSc (Agri) followed by Mihir Girish Kamath and Animesh Singh Rathore in second and third rank. Kalyan V, DN Nithin and Nihaar SR secured the top three ranks for BVSc.

In B.Pharma and Pharma D, Kalyan V, Harsha Karthikeya Vutukuri and DN Nithin took the top three spots respectively for both the courses. In BSc Nursing course, Kalyan V, DN Nithin and Nihaar SR emerged as the top three toppers.

After the complaint by students about out-of-syllabus questions and a review by subject experts, nine questions in Physics, 15 in Chemistry, 15 in Maths and 11 in Biology were dropped and grace marks were awarded, one each in Physics and Maths.

Officers at a training programme on the three new criminal legislations at Ramaiah College of Law in Bengaluru

550 officers attend two-day session on new criminal laws

Bengaluru: Ramaiah College of Law, through the Justice ES Venkataramiah Global Legal Skills Academy, conducted a two-day training session on the three new criminal legislations, which will come to effect on July 1. Training was provided to over 550 officers of different ranks and cadres--from deputy commissioners of police to constables, of both law and order (North and Central Divisions) and traffic (North Division). The Academy was inaugurated by Justice MN Venkatachaliah, former chief justice of India, in the presence of Justice BV Nagarathna, Judge, Supreme Court of India, in December 2023 to upskill and maintain quality and employability of the workforce involved in the legal profession and law enforcement.

Cauvery water supply to be hit on June 6, 7

Cauvery water supply to Bengaluru city will be disrupted on June 6 and 7, as the BWSSB will take up many works in connection with the implementation of the 5th Stage of Cauvery water supply project. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board will shut Cauvery Stage 1, 2 and 3 water supply units for 12 hours between 6 am to 6 pm on June 6, and Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Stage 4, will be shut for 4 hours between 10 am to 2 pm, said a release from the water board. The board has requested the public to co-operate with the board and store the required water.

KADU MALLESWARA TEMPLE GETS PLASTIC-FREE MAKEOVER

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

SINCE January, more than 70 environmental enthusiasts, who consider every day as an environment day, have dedicated their efforts to giving Kadu Malleswara temple, one of the city's oldest temples, an eco-friendly and plastic-free makeover.

Located in Malleswaram, the temple is part of "zero waste temples initiative" by the volunteers of the Social and Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT) in Malleswaram. They aim at making all temples in Malleswaram plastic-free as part of their campaign.

Speaking to TNSE, Bhuvana, one of the volunteers, said volunteers gather every weekend to recover basic temple resources such as flower waste, dry leaves, jaggery, and mud lamps. They repurpose these materials in various ways, such as using mud lamps to create garden pillars, adding destringed flower waste to the composter, and making bioenzyme from jaggery.

Bhuvuna mentioned that the temple, which was constructed in ancient Dravidian engineering style and one of the city's oldest, had two composters installed inside. However, visitors who are unfamiliar with its purpose and usage, mistook the composters for dustbins and began dumping them with large piles of garbage.

Volunteers cleaning Kadu Malleswara temple premises | EXPRESS

"A few of us, regular visitors to the temple for its spacious grounds, decided to give the temple a plastic-free makeover. We aim to preserve its historical value because clean surroundings are crucial for attracting visitors," she said.

The volunteers re-fabricated two existing composters and purchased another using funds they collected. Currently, the temple has three large composters and six small ones.

On average, the volunteers told TNSE that they generate more than 14 kg of wet or compostable waste daily, along with 13 kg of dry waste. "We collect the dry waste and hand it over to waste collectors. The wet waste is combined with dry leaves for composting, which typically takes about three months to mature," a volunteer explained.

To enhance the nutritional value of the compost, volunteers add tulsi garlands and use cow dung from the temple for microbial enrichment. They have also partnered with Eat Raja, a zero-waste fruit juice shop located outside the temple, which supplies fruit slurry and fruit peels to further enrich the compost.

They have also employed Brahma, who oversees waste-collection. "Despite placing drums labelled for specific types of waste, visitors occasionally mix them. In such instances, Brahma segregates the waste accordingly," Bhuvuna said.

Volunteers urged not only temple visitors but the public to dispose of waste correctly in the designated bins.

MP Nalin Kumar Kateel on Saturday condemned the State Government for filing an FIR against VHP leader Sharam Pumpwell for allegedly making a provocative statement with regard to people offering namaz on a public road in Mangaluru and demanded its immediate withdrawal. The MP also slammed the government for initiating action against a police inspector for filing a suo motu case against those who offered namaz on the road

TRAFFIC HIT, LOW-LYING AREAS FLOODED AS RAIN LASHES CITY

13.4 mm rain recorded till 8.30 pm, residents of Yelachenahalli protest

BIJOLPITA BHADURI & HILONI JIGGHNA @ Bengaluru

HEAVY rain disrupted traffic and flooded several low-lying areas in the city on Saturday evening. The city recorded 13.4 mm rain till 8.30 pm.

Yelachenahalli and Ramakrishna Nagar bore the brunt. Rainwater from an open drain entered many areas in these localities.

People staged a protest and blocked roads seeking a permanent solution for flooding in Yelachenahalli and Ramakrishna Nagar. The protesters did not relent and traffic was disrupted there for some time. They withdrew their protest after BBMP Joint Commissioner of Bommanahalli Zone Ajith M visited the affected areas along with officials and promised to address their problems.

Gulab Pasha, an activist, said the two localities have been facing this problem for the past 12 years. He attributed it to lack of coordination and commitment between BBMP and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) officials.

Motorists struggle to navigate an inundated road following heavy rain in Banashankari on Saturday evening | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

"The moderate rain in the afternoon was enough for the drains to overflow in Yelachenahalli and Ramakrishna Nagar. Rainwater entered the low-lying areas. Hence, people came out of their houses and blocked roads at Yelachenahalli. The joint commissioner and BWSSB officials inspected the affected areas in the evening. We expect a quick and permanent solution," Pasha said.

However, Ajith said that it was not a major problem. "Our officials will look into it. This is happening because of some unfinished drain work at Yelachenahalli and Ramakrishna Nagar," he added. Roads and underpasses were flooded and trees were uprooted in other areas of the city. Traffic was affected because of this. Power supply was also affected for a few hours in parts of the city.

LS polls: 3 counting centres in city

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DISTRICT Election Officer and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath directed officials to take appropriate measures to prevent any untoward incidents near the counting centres, where the votes of the Lok Sabha elections will be counted on June 4.

Addressing the media after holding a meeting with officials on Saturday, Girinath said, "On June 4, counting of votes for the Lok Sabha elections will be held. We have instructed the officials to make all kinds of preparations on the counting day to prevent any untoward incidents."

There will be three counting centres in the city, Girinath said, adding that officials will set up CCTV cameras and videograph the counting centres as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. He suggested that the counting of postal ballots should be carried out properly.

The three counting centres of the three Lok Sabha constituencies are: Bangalore Central- Mount Carmel College, Palace Road, Vasantnagar; Bangalore North- St Joseph's College, Vittal Mallya Road and Bangalore South- SSMRV College, 9th Block, Jayanagar.

He further directed the officials to make necessary arrangements of drinking water, and toilet facilities and also set up media centres. Girinath said that vote-counting staff have been assigned and trained and the police personnel have also been deployed for security.

Girinath also said that the polling for the Bengaluru Graduate Constituency elections will be held on June 3 and the officials have been instructed to make all kinds of preparations in this regard.

60 officers graduate from AFTC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SIXTY officers, including 20 women, graduated from the Air Force Technical College (AFTC) here on Saturday.

A flypast by Dornier aircraft, followed by an impressive skydiving performance by Indian Air Force's 'Air Devils' marked the ceremonial passing out parade.

Air Marshal SP Dharkar, the Reviewing Officer (RO), gave away medals and trophies to outstanding performers.

Flying Officer Nunna Uooha received the President's Plaque, while Flying Officer Rahul EV bagged the "Sword of Honour". "The Chief of Air Staff Medals" were given to Flying Officers Ritu Ranjan and Pathivada Hemant Kumar, respectively, in mechanical and electronics courses.

Air Marshal Dharkar congratulated the graduating officers and urged them to focus on operational readiness, innovation, technology advancements, and skill upgrading.

Sixty officers, including 20 women, graduated from the Air Force Technical College in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

3 stolen bikes, 4 mobile phones recovered, auto driver held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A 25-year-old autorcikshaw driver was arrested on charges of stealing three two-wheelers and four mobile phones worth over Rs 2.6 lakh. The police identified the accused as Shabaz Khan, a SSLC dropout, who is a resident of Shivajinagar.

The police said that based on CCTV camera footage of a two-wheeler theft in Ulsoor, they were able to arrest the accused. Upon interrogation, he revealed about the stolen bikes and mobile phones. There are three cases registered against him in Ulsoor police station, and one case in Hoskote police station. The police recovered three two-wheelers and four mobile phones worth over Rs 2.6 lakh from the accused.

Ganti Venkat Kiran is new KIOCL chairman, MD

BENGALURU: The Kudermukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) announced the appointment of Ganti Venkat Kiran as its chairman and managing director with effect from June 1. Kiran has over 34 years of experience in the steel sector. He holds a B Tech in Mechanical Engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Bhopal, and M Tech in Quality Management from BITS, Pilani. In his professional journey, he has held key positions in prominent organisations, KIOCL stated in a release.

Ganti Venkat Kiran

Cops arrest illegal immigrant, wife for rape of 16-yr-old girl

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

A day after the *TNIE* report about a garbage segregation contractor being allegedly involved in the rape of a minor, the Beguru police arrested the accused Shahin Sheak, a Bangladeshi who has been staying in India illegally. The 16-yr-old survivor had also accused Meem, wife of the perpetrator, for facilitating the rape, by locking her in a shed. According to police, Sheak was arrested on Friday midnight and his wife on Saturday morning. Both were produced before the court, and were sent to a 14 day judicial custody.

CRIME PATROL

Pvt bus falls into ditch in Ch'nagar, 26 injured

MYSURU: Twenty six passengers were injured after a private bus in which they were travelling overturned and fell into a ditch in Yelandur in Chamarajanagar district on Saturday. More than 60 villagers of Hullahalli, Baguru, Madanalli, Horalvadi,Tagaduru, Kebbepura, Aginavalu and nearby villages of Nanjangud taluk had hired a private bus to visit Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple in BR Hills on Saturday. When the villagers were returning after darshan of the deity, the bus driver lost control over the vehicle at a steep curve at Gavi Bore. The bus toppled and fell into a ditch. The injured were immediately shifted to government hospital in Yelandur town. The bus driver managed to escape. Kumar, one of the injured passengers, told reporters that they were returning after performing puja at the temple when the accident occurred.

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GROUP A

1. Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology : 4 seats (NO RESERVATION)
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APPENDIX IV - Rule 8 (1) 13(4) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

The Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Shanthinagar Branch, Bengaluru,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **21.02.2024** calling upon the **Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor, Ms. Shilpa Basavaraj** D/o Sri. N. Basavaraj, Proprietrix of M/s. Vibhuti Trading, No.29/2A, 4th Floor, Nanjappa Mansion, K H Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560027, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,31,95,229.05** (Rupees Two Crores Thirty One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Nine and Paisa Five Only) as on **20.02.2024** inclusive of interest upto **20.02.2024** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs etc.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **29th Day of May 2024.**

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Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has said that Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna does not deserve to be forgiven and he should be punished as per the law of the land. "The way in which Prajwal has conducted himself is unforgivable. Whether he apologises to the victims or not, what he allegedly has done is a serious crime...," Joshi said

No change of guard in BJP post June 4: Vijayendra

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA BJP President BY Vijayendra scotched the talk of a shakeup in the party's state unit as mere rumours.

Speaking exclusively to *The New Sunday Express*, Vijayendra termed reports over the prospect of a large-scale shakeup in the party post-June 4 as "unconfirmed."

He, however, admitted that the party faced infighting in many places in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. "Yes, we have had infighting in many places... but it will not hurt us electorally," he said.

On a few leaders turning rebels since tickets were denied to them, the state BJP chief said, "The BJP Central leadership has the final say as far as ticket distribution is concerned. So, no one can blame the state leadership for not getting the ticket."

While many in the Congress had claimed that the feedback for the party was good and that they would win in places like Kalaburagi, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, and Chitradurga, the BJP leader said, "Yet, we will win in all these places."

Vijayendra said that feedback soon after the polls could point in one direction, but a clear analysis shows that the BJP will win all 25 seats it is contesting in Karnataka.

When asked about the Congress feedback giving it 12–14 seats, Vijayendra said, "I will not talk about JDS seats... but we (BJP) will win all 25 seats that we are contesting in Karnataka."

On the NDA's prospects nationally, Vijayendra said they the alliance will get a comfortable majority.

On Davanagere, where Congress candidate Prabha Mallikarjun, daughter-in-law of Congress MLA Shamanur Shivashankarappa, is sure of a win, Vijayendra said, "If the rebel had not contested, things could have been different... but remember, a rebel candidate is contesting from Davanagere, and he would get about 40,000–50,000 votes. So we will win Davanagere too."

Asked about Chamarajanagar, where the Congress has been claiming that their performance has been exceptional, he said, "We, too, have done our surveys and gotten our feedback. Let us wait for June 4. But yes, we could have done better in Chamarajanagar."

Duo in police custody till June 6; BJP persists with its demand for a probe by CBI

SIT arrests ST Corpn MD, accounts officer

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@ Bengaluru

THE sleuths of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) have arrested the managing director and accounts officer of Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited over their alleged involvement in a scam where funds to the tune of Rs 94.7 crore of the corporation were allegedly misappropriated.

On Friday night, the police arrested MD JJ Padmanabha and Accounts Officer Parashuram G from the outskirts of Bengaluru and produced them before the magistrate court on Saturday afternoon. The court remanded them in police custody till June 6.

The investigation officer said that they are questioning the accused about the transfer of money from the corporation to other banks. He said that all 14 banks to which the money was transferred on different dates will be frozen.

General Manger of KMVSTDCL had filed a complaint at the High Grounds police station on May 29 about the alleged misappropriation of the corporation's money. Later, the case was transferred to the CID.

The SIT team headed by Manish Kharbikar, Additional Director General of Police, Economic Offences, DCP (Traffic-South) Shivaprakash Devaraju, Police Superintendent (Intelligence) Hariram Shankar and CID Superintendent Raghavendra K Hegde are members of the SIT that was formed on Friday by the State Government.

The alleged scam broke out after Chandrashekaran, who was working as accounts superintendent at the corporation's Bengaluru office, died by suicide in Shivamogga last week. In the death note, he had mentioned about the "illegal" transfer of Rs 94.7 crore belonging to the corporation and the names of the officials.

BJP Yuva Morcha members protest seeking Minister B Nagendra's resignation, in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Not protecting anyone, says Siddu

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AS the Opposition BJP continued to demand a CBI probe into the alleged misappropriation of funds in the Valmiki Development Corporation, Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah**, and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said they will not spare the perpetrators.

There is no question of protecting anyone involved in misappropriation of funds and the SIT is probing the case, Siddaramaiah told the media.

"We will not spare the perpetrators. Such incidents have happened during BJP's rule too. We will conduct a thorough investigation. The investigating officers are chasing the money trail and we will get the money back. Some people also have been arrested in the case till now," Shivakumar told the media.

The DyCM said scams of certain value directly go to the CBI and there is no role of the government in this. "We will fully cooperate with the investigation," Shivakumar added.

The BJP rejected the State Government's move to constitute the SIT and continued to demand for CBI probe.

The Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the CM, who is also the Finance Minister, was not aware of the multi-crore scam and he should resign immediately. He said Siddaramaiah has got all the information about the scam from the Finance Department officials, but he has still not dropped Tribal Welfare Minister B Nagendra from the Cabinet. "This shows anyone can get the government money transferred. We suspect that money in this scam has also gone to Sonia Gandhi," he alleged.

The ST Corporation funds meant for the development of people from the Scheduled Tribes have been transferred to a bank account in Telangana and bank accounts of nine IT firms, he said and added that the money has reached Congress leaders in New Delhi and that would also come out in the future.

Ashoka said BJP will continue its fight by using all legal avenues and all details with documents have been sent to BJP national president JP Nadda. The BJP termed the State Government's decision to constitute the SIT as an eyewash and an attempt to cover up the government's mistake.

"Will the Siddaramaiah government care to calculate and explain the percentage of corruption involved in this govt? Rs 87 crore of the sanctioned Rs 187 crores - Perfect 50%?" said state BJP president BY Vijayendra. "Embezzlement of government funds points to a bigger conspiracy by the Karnataka Congress government involving ministers, and further gives credence to our claim that Congress is treating Karnataka as an ATM to fund its Delhi Bosses," he added.

State govt writes to bank to freeze amounts

The Additional Chief Secretary, Scheduled Tribal Welfare Department, has written to the Managing Director of RBL Bank to freeze the amounts transferred from Union Bank of India, MG Road Branch, and remit back to the ST Corporation account in Union Bank of India. In 11 transactions from March 5, 2024, to May 6, 2024, Rs 89.62 crore was transferred from the corporation's accounts to the accounts in the name of different firms.

Bhavani fails to appear before SIT

BR UDAYA KUMAR
@Holenarasipur (Hassan district)

BHAVANI Revanna, wife of JDS MLA HD Revanna and mother of MP Prajwal Revanna, failed to appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) at her Holenarsipur residence on Saturday.

The SIT team, led by investigation officer Sridhar, reached her residence in Holenarasipur at 10 am and returned to Bengaluru at 5 pm without meeting Bhavani.

The SIT had issued a notice to Bhavani under Section 41(A) of the CRPC directing her to be present at her home in Holenarasipur town on Saturday (June 1) for an inquiry in connection with a kidnapping case registered against her at KR Nagara police station on May 2.

The SIT had said that a team would be visiting Bhavani's house between 10 am and 5 pm on June 1 after she replied to the notice on May 15 saying she was ready to face an inquiry at her residence in Holenarasipur town. The notice also directed her to be present during the SIT's visit.

The SIT had arrested Revanna on April 29 in connection with the same case, and the special court had remanded him in judicial custody for a week.

On Friday early morning, Prajwal was arrested by the SIT at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport upon his arrival from Germany in connection with three rape cases.

Custody extended

The Second Additional Senior Civil Judge, Hassan, on Saturday extended the judicial custody of Chetan Gowda and Naveen Gowda by 14 days in a case related to the circulation of pen drive containing the obscene videos. The case has been registered against the duo at CEN police station following a complaint lodged by Poornachandra Tejasvi an advocate and JDS worker.

SIT QUESTIONS MLA MANJU

Hassan: The SIT officials on Saturday questioned Arkalgud JDS MLA A Manju in connection with the alleged circulation of pen drive containing the obscene videos. The MLA was questioned at the CEN Police Station in Hassan. The SIT had summoned Manju three days ago and directed him to turn up for investigation following the statement of Naveen Gowda of Nalke village in Belur taluk. Naveen had told the SIT that he had given the pen drive to Manju in a choultry in Arkalgud town. Investigation officer Thammiah questioned Manju for an hour and recorded his statements. It may be recalled that Manju had rubbished Naveen's claims and had also warned him of legal action.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administers the oath of office to Valluri Kameswar Rao as the Judge of Karnataka High Court at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday

Justice Kameswar Rao takes oath as Karnataka High Court judge

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Justice Valluri Kameswar Rao took oath as judge of the Karnataka High Court on Saturday. Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot administered the oath to Justice Rao in a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan. Justice Rao was transferred from the Delhi HC to Karnataka on May 29.

Chief Justice N V Anjaria, judges and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar were present at the swearing-in ceremony. Born on August 7, 1965, Rao enrolled as an advocate in March 1991 with the Bar Council of Delhi and practised in the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court and Central Administrative Tribunal (Principal Bench), New Delhi.

Justice Rao also appeared in other high courts including Madras HC and Port Blair as well as the Circuit Bench of Calcutta HC. He was designated senior advocate by the Delhi High Court in January 2010. Justice Rao was elevated as Additional Judge of the Delhi HC on April 17, 2013, and as permanent Judge on March 18, 2015.

EXIT POLLS PREDICT COMEBACK FOR BJP AFTER 2023 DISMAL SHOW

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THE exit polls have given not less than 20 seats to National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the Bharatiya Janata Party-Janata Dal (Secular) alliance in Karnataka.

However, the saffron party, which suffered a drubbing in the May 2023 Assembly elections by winning only 60 seats, will consider it a comeback despite losing 5-6 seats compared to 2019 Lok Sabha polls when it won 25 seats.

Interestingly, the pollsters have also given 1-3 Lok Sabha seats to a struggling JDS, which won 19 seats in the Assembly polls. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, JDS was in alliance with Congress, but won only Hassan seat.

Surprisingly, the India Today-Axis My India exit polls have predicted a win for Hassan JDS Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna, the prime accused in the alleged sexual abuse cases.

The exit polls have also indirectly predicted a win for former Chief Minister and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy in Mandya and his party colleague Malleshbabu in Kolar constituency.

Given the predictions, the BJP is likely to sweep Bengaluru, Malnad and coastal regions, and Mumbai-Karnataka and Central Karnataka regions, which are its traditional strongholds, especially in Lok Sabha elections.

The people of Karnataka, who voted for Congress with great enthusiasm in the Assembly polls, have seemingly backed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership at the Centre. "Which means, people have voted differently from how they voted for the regional leadership of Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar in the assembly polls and chose Modi for LS polls despite the five guarantees that Congress had rolled out," said a political analyst.

The analysts have observed that for the BJP-JDS alliance, the Veerashaiva-Lingayat and Vokkaliga leadership has worked out in LS polls, especially in the old Mysuru region. After having paid the price in Assembly elections last year, the BJP high command's decision to appoint Vijayendra as state party chief seems to have had its impact on LS polls, said an analyst.

> *I have no faith in exit polls and their assessment, as they don't go interior. They would have done it based on some sample size...* - **DK Shivakumar, DyCM and KPCC president**

LS poll results could impact Cong govt, BJP state leadership

The BJP is confident of returning to power at the Centre for a third consecutive term, while the Congress and its I.N.D.I.A bloc partners are hoping to stop the Modi-Shah juggernaut in its tracks. Exit polls that came after the conclusion of the seventh and final phase of polls are giving out possible scenarios, while the results of the most fiercely fought Lok Sabha elections will be out on Tuesday.

The outcome of the polls may not have a direct bearing on the stability of the State Government, but it could decide its pace and direction during the remaining four years of its tenure, and trigger intense political churning within Congress. In Karnataka, the elections for 28 Lok Sabha seats were held on April 26 and May 7.

Congress, which came to power in the state last May with a thumping majority, faces the Herculean task of continuing its winning streak. The party that had won just one out of 28 seats in the 2019 polls is hoping to outperform the BJP-JDS combine. Even in the worst-case scenario, the party cannot allow its numbers to be in single digits, especially in AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's home state. Anything below that would reflect poorly on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's leadership.

Favourable results will boost the morale of the party and its government, which is facing serious allegations of corruption and a deteriorating law and order situation.

The brazen manner in which funds from the bank accounts of Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited, a Government of Karnataka Undertaking, were transferred to 'anonymous' accounts has put the Siddaramaiah government on a backfoot. A death note left behind by a government official who ended his life by suicide blew the lid off the scam and exposed the rot in the system. More dirt is likely to fly after the ongoing probe.

A series of crimes in the state in the last few months has caused a major embarrassment to the state government, which also faces a serious charge of not taking up any big developmental work in the first year in office and focusing only on the guarantee schemes.

In Karnataka, Congress' campaign mostly revolved around guarantees and taking on the Centre over the alleged disparity in devolution of taxes and delay in releasing drought relief funds, apart from inflation, price rise, and unemployment. The results in 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state will show if voters were convinced by the Congress' efforts or if the Modi factor remained strong.

While touching a double-digit mark will embolden the party and its government, a poor show will add to its woes. Failure to do well may fuel groupism within the party and its morale will take a hit ahead of the local bodies polls, which are yet to be announced.

A strong high command will help to keep factionalism at bay as it is natural for leaders to have aspirations, while those in power do everything possible to retain their positions. How the situation will evolve in New Delhi after June 4 will have a great impact on state politics, especially Congress.

On its part, the BJP faces a near-impossible task of repeating the 2019 performance when it won 25 out of 28 seats. To do that, it has to have a 100% strike rate.

The BJP cannot afford a big drop in its numbers in Karnataka, the only state in the South that can contribute significantly to its total numbers. Good performance in the Lok Sabha polls will cement state president BY Vijayendra's leadership within the party. If the party fails to perform well, questions will be raised about Vijayendra's leadership as the state president and the effectiveness of R Ashoka as Leader of the Opposition.

The BJP's strategy of going with a Lingayat-Vokkaliga combination at the top will be put to the test in the elections, although Modi's leadership is the single biggest factor for the party. The results will also show if BS Yediyurappa is able to win back the Lingayat support base that appeared to have moved a bit towards Congress in the 2023 assembly polls.

Stakes are equally high for BJP's alliance partner JDS, which is going through a rough patch. The members of the party's first family are facing serious charges, which are being probed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

That party is facing an existential crisis. It is contesting from three seats and it is a must-win election for former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy.

The party will have a chance to bounce back if things work as planned in the state and the BJP comes back to power at the Centre. If it fails to do well in the state, the JDS faces a serious challenge of keeping its leaders together.

During the marathon electioneering, the parties made all-out efforts to woo voters and their verdict will be known in two days, though some parties and their supporters may raise questions about the EVMs and the Election Commission. Politics will continue even after the polls.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Never said black magic rituals took place inside Kerala temple, says Shivakumar

BENGALURU: DyCM DK Shivakumar on Saturday clarified that the black magic rituals against him and CM Siddaramaiah took place near a Kerala temple and not inside the temple. Responding to a statement by a Kerala minister that animal sacrifice doesn't take place in any Kerala temple, Shivakumar said, "I had said the rituals took place in a private land near the temple. I have great respect for the God's own country, its temples and the people. My statement has been misunderstood. I did not mean to hurt the sentiments of anyone." Shivakumar said he had recently visited the Raja Rajeshwara Temple and he is a devotee of the temple. "I would not like to talk about who is behind the black magic rituals. I only shared the details that I received. The Kerala minister has said that an inquiry would be ordered into the incident and I welcome it," the DyCM said. The Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka accused Shivakumar of issuing such statements to gain sympathy.

Four people of a family were killed and three injured in a road accident at Yerravalli in Gadwal district of Telangana on National Highway 44 on Saturday. According to the police, the family members were returning from Allagadda to Hyderabad when their a car rammed into a lorry near Yerravalli village

FORMATION DAY

ANDHRA'S RIGHT TO CALL HYD ITS CAPITAL ENDS

Served as common capital for AP, TG for 10 years from June 2, 2014

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TEN years to the day when Telangana and Andhra Pradesh became two separate states, Hyderabad will no longer be the common capital for both states. As per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Hyderabad technically served as common capital for both the states for 10 years from June 2, 2014.

In 1956, after Andhra and Telangana regions were united and AP came into being, Hyderabad was declared the capital of undivided AP, retaining that position until June 2, 2014.

Section 5 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, says: "From the appointed day, that is June 2, 2014, Hyderabad shall be the common capital for the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for such period not exceeding ten years." The section also states that after the expiry of the said period, Hyderabad shall be the capital of Telangana and there shall be a new capital for Andhra Pradesh.

As per the provision, the Andhra Pradesh government functioned from Telangana up to 2015. In 2015, then AP chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu declared Amaravati as capital. Soon after, most offices of the AP government, including the Secretariat, shifted to Amaravati. As of now, the Andhra government is using only three buildings in Hyderabad. Recently, CM A Revanth Reddy instructed officials to take over the buildings allotted to AP.

A publicity vehicle for Telangana Formation Day celebrations at Tank Bund in Hyderabad | VINAY MADAPU

KCR: BRS will boycott Formation Day fete

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THE BRS has decided not to take part in the official Telangana Formation Day celebrations. BRS supremo and former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday wrote an open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, citing the reasons for boycotting the celebrations.

In his letter, KCR alleged that because of Congress delaying the formation of Telangana, hundreds of youth resorted to suicide. He said that Congress did not even apologise to the people for these deaths.

The BRS chief also accused the chief minister of never raising the "Jai Telangana" slogan in public. He also said that Revanth hurt the sentiments of the people by not visiting the Martyrs Memorial. "The Congress has not changed its mindset," KCR wrote.

"For the last six months, Telangana has been disrupted in Congress rule. Farmers are suffering due to this inefficient rule. The Congress has not implemented the promises it made during the Assembly elections," he said, adding that the police are filing cases if any BRS activist questions the government's policies. KCR also pointed out that the BRS not being invited to the all-party meeting to discuss the Formation Day celebrations was evidence of undemocratic attitude of Congress. "By attempting to remove the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam and Charminar from the state emblem, the Congress government has insulted the people and history," KCR's letter said.

NGT halts Netravati project in CRZ area

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THE National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued an interim order to halt the ongoing construction of the Netravati riverfront project in the CRZ area till July 2, the next date of hearing. The NGT, Southern Zone, Chennai, issued the order on May 31 while hearing a petition seeking an interim order of stay to stop the ongoing construction of the waterfront promenade project.

The order said that, "Karnataka SCZMA has confirmed that some works are being carried out in violation of the NOC conditions by the Project Proponent, especially on the riverfront side in the CRZ area, the Project Proponent (Respondent No.1) is restrained from carrying out work on the riverfront side in the CRZ area till the next date of hearing. Though the works only on the riverfront side are restrained, it is made very clear to the Project Proponent that if any work is carried out in violation of the conditions imposed, the said structures will have to be removed, besides being subject to the imposition of heavy costs."

The order took serious objection to the Joint Committee constituted by the Principal Bench on 05.03.2024. "We are unhappy to note that effective steps have not been taken by the District Magistrate, Dakshina Kannada (who is a member of the Joint Committee and also a nodal officer) to get a nomination from the NCCR.

In case there is no cooperation from the NCCR, the District Magistrate may make it very clear that violation of the Tribunal's order will be viewed very seriously and prosecution will have to be initiated against the authority concerned. In case, there is no representation from the NCCR, the other members of the Joint Committee are directed to inspect and file its report before 24.06.2024," said the order.

The petition produced photographs highlighting the violations to claim that the construction work is going on in the CRZ area, destroying the mangrove forest and in violation of the conditions imposed in the NOC.

The NGT issued the order while hearing a petition seeking stay on construction of an waterfront promenade project

EXPRESS READ

Man arrested for poisoning dholes in Kollegal

Mysuru: Foresters have arrested a man for allegedly poisoning seven dholes or wild dogs at Kollegal in Chamarajanagar district. Officials said that Rajanna(39), a labourer from Hittaladoddi Arepalya village, was produced before court which remanded him in judicial custody. On May 27, forest staff found carcasses of seven dholes near Hittaladoddi village under Male Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary. DCF Santosh Kumar said a week ago a leopard killed two of Rajanna's goats, so he kept poison-laced meat to kill the animal. However, the dholes consumed the meat and died. ENS

With tiger on prowl, workers refuse to go to work

Chikkamagaluru: It seems there is no end to man-animal conflict in Malnad areas of the district. After elephant menace, it is the turn of tigers to scare planters and plantation workers in Malnad region. A tiger was sighted on the Channagondanahalli-Bagamane road in the wee hours of Friday, near Hirekolale and workers and villagers who saw the tiger crossing the road are now afraid to go to the plantations. A tractor driver carrying timber who spotted the tiger fled the scene leaving the tractor behind. A person in a jeep captured the tiger on his mobile phone. Villagers and estate workers have urged the Forest Department to trap the tiger so things can get back to normalcy and people can move around freely. ENS

Insurance scheme for Sabarimala pilgrims soon

M S VIDYANANDAN @ T'Puram

IN a major initiative, the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) plans to introduce an optional insurance scheme for pilgrims visiting the Sabarimala temple. As part of the move, the board will hold a meeting of insurance companies within two weeks.

"The plan is in the nascent stage. The meeting is to know the packages that the companies can offer. A suitable proposal will be selected through a fair process," said TDB president P S Prasanth, adding that a final decision requires the state government's sanction. The board aims to implement the scheme from the next mandalam-makaravilakku season.

The board is of the view that a good policy could be implemented for a premium of up to ₹5. As per the plan, pilgrims can make this payment at the time of Virtual Queue booking, the online booking system for darshan.

At present, the board has a scheme which is being implemented in partnership with United India Insurance Company.

"The board pays the annual premium for the current scheme. But it has only limited benefits. Under this, ₹5 lakh compensation is given for accident deaths on the Sabarimala premises. In case of other deaths, ₹30,000 is given as ambulance costs within the state and ₹50,000 for those from outside," he said.

Prasanth said, "In the last season alone, more than 20 people died due to various reasons like heart attack and respiratory ailments. We wish to cover all such deaths under the new scheme," he said.

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That our client is proposing to purchase the Schedule Property for a valuable Sale Consideration from its present owners Smt Jeeva.K, Smt Kokila.B, Smt Sushikala.K, Anitha.K, Bhuvana.K, who are the legal heirs of Late Shri S Kannan who expired on 21.01.2024 . That any persons opposing the said Sale transaction may submit their claims and objections with Documentary Evidences and proofs to the undersigned within fifteen days from date of publication of this notice .If no claims or objections are raised within the said period, it shall be presumed that the said Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances and our client would proceed and purchase the Schedule Property without being liable for any change or claim put forth thereafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE ON REVISED USER FEE (TOLL) RATES AT **KARJEEVANAHALLI / GUILALU** TOLL PLAZA APPLICABLE FROM **3rd June 2024** .The public are hereby informed that pursuant to approval of revised user fee rates vide letter dated **21.03.2024** of NHAI, the user fee rates for use of the section from Km **62.000** to Km **132.000 ,Tumkur - Sira** section (including Bypass) of **NH- 48 (Old NH-4)** are going to be revised as under w.e.f. **3rd June 2024** at **00.00 Hrs. Karjeevanahalli** Toll plaza (Chainage: **104.530** Km near **Karjeevanahalli** village, **Tumkur** district) & the section from Km **132.000** to Km **189.000 ,Sira - Chitradurga** section of **NH- 48 (Old NH-4)** are going to be revised as under w.e.f. **3rd June 2024 at 00.00 Hrs. Guilalu** Toll plaza (Chainage: **172.770** km near **Guilalu** village **Chitradurga** district) in the state of **Karnataka:**

For Toll Plaza Karjeevanahalli at Km 104.530 of NH-48 (Old NH-4) Tollable length is 70 Kms

Category of vehicle Only	Only FASTag Fee for single journey (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for return journey within a day (in Rs.)	Only FASTag Fee for monthly pass valid for 50 journeys in a month (in Rs.)
Car/ Jeep/ Van or Light motor vehicle	105	155	3455
Light commercial vehicle / Light Goods vehicle or Mini bus	165	255	5580
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	355	525	11695
Heavy construction machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or multi axle vehicle (MAV) (Three to Six axles)	550	825	18340
Oversized vehicle (seven or more axles)	670	1005	22325

The rates for monthly pass applicable for local non - commercial vehicle resides within a radial distance of 20 Km from the toll plaza for the year 2024-25 shall be Rs.340/-(Only FASTag)

For Toll Plaza Guilalu at Km 172.770 of NH-48 (Old NH-4) Tollable length is 57 Kms

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Car/ Jeep/ Van or Light motor vehicle	85	125	2785
Light commercial vehicle / Light Goods vehicle or Mini bus	135	205	4500
Bus or Truck (Two axles)	285	425	9430
Heavy construction machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving Equipment (EME) or multi axle vehicle (MAV) (Three to Six axles)	445	665	14790
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4. The scheme of giving concessions may be viewed at http//nhaitis.org
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6. The vehicle which is loaded in excess of permissible load, shall pay 10 times the applicable fee rate and Remove the excess load to make use of highway.
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8. For viewing the fee notification dated 05.05.2011 published in the Gazette, letter of NHAI dated **21.03.2024** containing approval of revised rates and provisions in the concession agreement, the website http//nhaitis.org may be visited.
9. Name and address are as under, for any enquiry and /or giving complaints /suggestions:

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**, and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **20.06.2024 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

M/s. ODM MEDIA INDIA SERVICES PVT LTD, No.705, 7th Floor, Barton Centre, M.G Road, Bangalore-560 001. Represented by its Directors: **1) Sri. Pavin Ponnanna,** No.5/2, Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya, 2nd Floor, Omshree Sai Ram Appartment, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Kalpana Chawla Road, Central Excise Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore-560094. **2) Sri. Arun Kumar,** No.I-101, 1st Floor, Herculas Block., Brigade Gateway, Malleshwaram west, Bangalore-560 055. **3) Smt. R. Manjula,** residing at: No.1149, AECS Layout , 4th Cross, 5th Main, D Block, Kundalahalli, Bangalore-560 037. **4) Sri. P A Thimmaiah,** No. 91, "SIRI" UAS Layout, 4th Cross, Sanjay nagar, Bangalore – 560 094. **5) Sri. Prashanth H.S,** No.1170, Gangodanahalli Village, Behind Siddaganga Public School, 1st Phase, I stage, Chandra Layout, Bangalore -560 040. **6) Sri. Subbanna H N ,** No.1170, Gangodanahalli Village, Behind Siddaganga Public School, 1st Phase, I stage, Chandra Layout, Bangalore - 560 040.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website : **https://www.bankeauction.com** on **20.06.2024** for Recovery of an amount for of **Rs.40,83,20,056/- (Rupees Forty Crores Eighty Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand and Fifty Six Only) due and payable by you as on 31.05.2024 and further interest at contractual rate from 01.06.2024** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

Description of the property: Property No.1: All that Piece and Parcel of the Land property belonging to Sri B Arun Kumar S/o Bheemanna Gouda property bearing Sy. No.37/2, situated at Nellurahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 16 guntas out of 32 Guntas and bounded on East by: Land belonging to Shaik and Rajakaluve, West by:Sy No.37/1 and road, North by: Remaining land in Sy. 37/2, South by: Land belonging to Mercise Skaria in the same Sy. No.
Property No.2: All that Piece and Parcel of the Land property belonging to Smt S Manjula W/o Sudarshan, property bearing Sy No.37/2, measuring 12 guntas out of 32 Guntas which is marked in the sketch on the Northern portion vide khatha certificate No.IHC No.3/92-93, situated at Nellurahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on East by:Land belonging to Shaik and Rajakaluve, West by:Land belonging to Shaik and road, North by:Land belonging to Thimma Reddy, South by :Remaining land in the same Sy No.37/2.

Reserve Price	**Property No.1: Rs. 4,40,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Lakhs Only)** **Property No.2: Rs. 3,35,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Property No.1: Rs. 44,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Only)** **Property No.2: Rs. 33,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**
Bid increment Amount	**Property No.1: Rs. 4,40,000/-, Property No.2: Rs. 3,35,000/-**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**19.06.2024 UPTO 4.30 P.M.**
Date & time of Auction sale	**Thursday, 20.06.2024, from** **1.Property No.1 - 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes) **2.Property No.2 - 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon** (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted.	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore"** **Branch: VIJAYANAGAR Mob: 9740516973,** **Account No. : 006016100000001 IFSC Code: MVCB0000006**

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This Publication is also 15 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 01.06.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

"The longer I live, the less I trust ideas, the more I trust emotions"

Louis Malle

AN AGENDA FOR NEW PARLIAMENT TO PROPEL PROSPERITY

THE THIRD EYE

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IN the summer of 1991, India's forex reserves were barely enough to cover seven days of imports. India pledged 46.1 tonnes of its gold reserves with the Bank of England to raise $405 million to avoid default. The exposé—authored by this columnist and published in this very newspaper on July 8, 1991—informed the world at large about the precarious state of the economy and compelled the liberalisation of the economy.

On Friday, the Reserve Bank of India shifted 100 tonnes of gold from the UK, from the Bank of England, to its own vaults. India's journey from penury to the promise of prosperity, chronicled in my book *Accidental India*, has been propelled by a series of crises. Today, India has over 822 tonnes of gold. It has $646 billion in foreign exchange reserves. It is the fastest growing economy ranked fifth on the global table. It is easy to be swayed by rah-rah ragas. It is instructive to remember the lessons of the 1991 crisis.

This week will witness a newly elected parliament and a new government. They carry the onus of steering the nation through tumultuous times, disruptions in geopolitics and geo-economics. The promised tryst with destiny calls for an agenda which has a buy-in across party lines. Indeed, it would be ideal if President Droupadi Murmu, in the opening address to the new parliament, calls for a special session for the MPs to forge an all-party consensus on critical national goals.

Here are a few suggestions to install resilience and sustainability.

Maximum governance: It is often said India's governments have too many people doing things which don't quite matter and too few people doing that which matters. Essentially, the architecture of governance needs a review—what can be manned, what can be offshored for self-regulation and what can be automated or digitised. It is not so much the size of government, but simplicity of processes which defines efficiency. Can India hope for a select committee of Union ministers and chief ministers assisted by an expert group deliver a new design of governance?

Moolah mobilisation: Cost of capital has implications for growth. The world is witness to new industrial policies and fiscal expansionism. As the new coinage goes, the world is flat for high interest rates. India must fuel its growth by inducting efficient resource management. It needs to weed out waste. To raise resources it must encash/monetise assets by offering them to investors—this includes idle land, enterprises and shareholdings. The government's holding in 28 PSUs that went public since 2004 is over 80 percent and valued at over ₹21 lakh crore. Trimming holdings to 51 percent could deliver as much as ₹10 lakh crore. The aspiration to be the third largest economy rests on finding resources to invest in human and physical infrastructure.

Measurement matters: Elections reveal that politicos fumble for answers on critical questions. Shouldn't a nation servicing the frontiers of global digitisation have a data template—on jobs created, incomes earned? Can a triangulation of data—bank credit, private equity, UPI payments and GST collections—yield a summary of the gig and formal economies? Can government expenditure yield a synopsis on employment that is intelligible and not gobbledygook? Why must statistics on GDP or poverty be shadowed by doubts? Peter Drucker said what gets measured can be managed and improved. If India aspires to do better, it must improve its measurement systems.

Track the welfare trail: Elections are effectively a contest between schemes. India's welfare model is at an inflection point of cost and benefits. The central government spends over ₹5 lakh crore on social schemes. What's the quantum of state government transfers? Given the intensity of disruptions, income support and welfare measures will expand. It is time the Centre and the states reassessed merits, added up the costs and examined outcomes in an annual report on welfare.

Align jobs and curriculum: India's job market is a study of paradoxes. There are 3 million vacant government posts and the joblessness debate. There is also another market reality—the gap between what employers want and what aspirants are equipped for. Accelerated adoption of technology will widen the gap. Primary education is broken; higher education is located in the past. India needs to map the skills of its workforce and what the market needs. The realignment of curriculum with market needs a public-private partnership between academia, industry and government. India needs an active labour policy which enables skilling, up-skilling and re-skilling.

Flailing judicial system: Delivery of justice is a cornerstone of the Constitution. The National Judicial Data Grid shows that the delivery of justice is flailing across levels. India's has over 5.1 crore cases pending in its courts, of which over 80 thousand are in the Supreme Court and 61.9 lakh in high courts. Year after year, judges have bemoaned the fact that the government is the biggest litigant. Will India modernise in time for a Viksit Bharat?

Finally, the MPs have five years to address the critical issue of electoral reforms. The list is long. The campaign was littered with allegations of corruption. While they mull on it, they may want to examine whether the economy can afford long, multi-phased elections. Does it have to be in the summer? The answers will illuminate the future.

As Voltaire said, "We never live; we are always in the expectation of living."

CURSED BY MONEY, TOXIC TALK & INTOXICANTS

POWER & POLITICS

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RELIGION is the opium of the people, Karl Marx wrote in 1843. It is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions, he added. That was at a time opium was highly valued for its medicinal purposes. What would he say now to opium and its modern variants being used as an electoral tool to keep the tyrannised creatures in control? For that, he would have to come to India, where he believed the ruin and devastation caused by British colonial rule was a terrible but necessary price for "the only social revolution ever heard of in Asia".

What he would observe instead is total electoral inflation in India, where wooing the voters with intoxicants of various kinds has become the most effective way of ensuring victory. A fortnight ago, the Election Commission claimed that various government agencies had seized over ₹9,000 crore in the form of cash, precious stones, drugs and liquor between March and the fifth phase of the general election. Over 53 crore litres of liquor was caught before it reached the targeted tipplers. The agencies recovered an average of ₹100 crore per day in the form of black money, which was supposed to have been effaced because of demonetisation. By the end of the seventh phase, the amount seized is likely to cross a monumental ₹10,000 crore, as against just ₹3,500 crore during 2019 and barely ₹1,000 crore during 2014. It would be the highest since the first Lok Sabha election in 1951-52.

If democracy is the greatest festival of them all, then political parties are also the biggest celebrants. EC data shows the cash recovered from all the states is just ₹850 crore. But the value of drugs seized is a whopping ₹4,000 crore. Liquor worth over ₹800 crore was also seized by the law enforcement agencies. It means almost ₹60 out of every ₹100 confiscated by the EC was meant for bribing, drugging and intoxicating voters. If the official norm of the investigating institutions is to be believed, then cash and other goods worth ₹80,000 crore escaped the agencies' eagle eyes. Statistics do tell many stories. And the devil definitely lies in the details provided by the EC. What are mere numbers for the EC tell many stories about the economic, social and cultural identity of the states.

SOURAV ROY

Here are some examples.

■ The four southern states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have the maximum shekalim power. Of the total cash of ₹850 crore seized by the EC, these states contributed over ₹377 crore. Telangana, with ₹114. 56-crore seizures, tops the list of all states. Even in terms for sequestrating precious metals, the South stands taller than the rest. These states contributed ₹441 crore worth of precious metals including gold, out of a total value of ₹1,260 crore that was confiscated by various agencies during the elections. But the promoters of politics went a step forward to intoxicate prospective voters. They were caught with liquor worth ₹337 crore from these states. Tamil Nadu's political touts were detained peddling drugs worth ₹330 crore. The total value of the intoxicants recovered from all over the country was ₹3,958.85 crore.

■ Gujarat, Punjab and Bihar reveal an astonishing story. Gujarat and Bihar are officially dry states in which the sale of liquor and other drugs is totally prohibited. In Gujarat, the agencies impounded just ₹8.61 crore in cash. However, the value of the liquor seized was almost ₹30 crore. And the market value of the drugs seized was about ₹1,200 crore, almost 30 percent of the total market price of the drugs (worth ₹4,000 crore) that was impounded all over the country. Gujarat was also the one of the top five states from where precious metals worth ₹128.50 crore were recovered. But Bihar turned out to be poor in terms of cash because EC sleuths found just ₹14 crore. But its liquor mafia was caught with consignments worth ₹48 crore.

The recovery of a huge amount of drugs and liquor from Punjab also bolstered the perception that the state is in the grip of a powerful drug mafia which also participated in the elections. The EC and other agencies seized drugs whose market value was over ₹650 crore. But it got just ₹15.50 crore in cash from agri-rich Punjab's political market.

■ Maharashtra and Delhi set the benchmark politically and financially. And the EC and other authorities knew it well as they kept an eye on the movement of money and material from these two states soon after the election schedule was announced. Since then, they have captured precious metals worth over ₹300 crore, which is 25 percent of the total value of the gold and other expensive metals seized from other parts of the country. Surprisingly, the maximum recovery of expensive metals—worth ₹195 crore—was done from Delhi, followed by ₹188 crore from Maharashtra. An amount of ₹90.79 crore in cash was retained from Delhi's middlemen and over ₹75 crore from Maharashtra. Revenue intelligence organisations and the EC monitored the jewellers very closely as the demand for gold and other jewellery items grew immensely. Even the value of banned drugs recovered from Delhi was over ₹350 crore.

■ West Bengal, Assam, Odisha and Jharkhand presented a slightly different story. While an enormous amount of cash was recovered from politicians before the elections, the EC couldn't track the huge pile of cash illegally stashed during the elections. It found just ₹31 crore in West Bengal, ₹17 crore from Odisha, ₹45.53 crore from Jharkhand, and a mere ₹6.75 crore from Assam. However, liquor worth ₹90 crore was confiscated in West Bengal, ₹35 crore from Odisha and drugs worth ₹56 crore from Jharkhand. West Bengal was also among the top 10 states from where precious metals worth ₹60 crore were seized.

■ Ironically, all the other north Indian states such as Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J&K seem to be saintly because they accounted for less than 10 percent of the total unaccounted cash and expensive metals impounded. While in Himachal they got ₹50 lakh, it was less than a crore in most of the small states in the Northeast. Even in Uttar Pradesh, which sends 80 Lok Sabha members, the investigative agencies could track only ₹35 crore in cash.

For voters, the choice is between moolah, toxic talk and intoxicants. It is now up to them to show more maturity than those who are seeking their favour. Democratic verdicts are now influenced more by the boodle than by the book. And black megabucks are back as the flavour of the election season.

REDEFINING BRAHMACHARYA FOR A NEW AGE

OPINION

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IT is easy to tempt anyone on diet to have a samosa or a piece of cake at a birthday party, but it is impossible to make a person on fast eat anything that their fast does not allow. This is how culture works.

Applying old frameworks to new-age problems and situations can sometimes provide us simple solutions. This is especially true for the problems that come from innate human nature, that remain unchanged in this ever-changing world. Every time I see people struggling to lose weight or build a healthy habit by following influencers or reading online, I am reminded of concepts like brahmacharya that were meant to help us achieve focused results.

Yes, *brahmacharya* is more than just celibacy. It is a self-restraining technique that enables focus when undertaking demanding tasks like pilgrimages, or when dedicating the initial years of your life to study. You minimise sensory indulgences to lead a minimalistic, disciplined life. You get a glimpse of this in pilgrims at Sabarimala and Pandharpur.

Can we re-define or re-interpret the rules of *brahmacharya* for our times? In an age where almost everything is available anytime to anyone and anywhere, the new rules of *brahmacharya* should include letting go of new-age luxuries for a while, maybe periodically.

We have seen social media addicts often talking about detox breaks. This in spirit happens only when we are in a no-network zones—which is a shrinking space, as not many places are without network anymore. In practice, many people just stop posting and actively consuming online content for few days. Some unplanned breaks are forced when you are not well enough to even pick up the phone. But planned breaks are few and far between. It seems a periodic break will gradually become a part of our personal calendars as we realise the need to relate to the physical world. The challenge will be to keep it in sync with the other people's calendars. Would we see special interest groups such as Saturday Digital Detox or Early Morning Detox, like we see reading or trekking groups meeting weekly—probably yes, eventually.

Eating out is one of the biggest hits on our health as well as savings. It prevents you from saving that precious money in the initial years of career and later contributes substantially to your healthcare costs. Our weekly vratas or fasts can take a new form of not eating out at least once or twice a week. Imagine someone saying, I am on a no-order fast today and must cook, or I cannot eat anything salty on a Tuesday fast.

Our new-age obsessive compulsive behaviours include looking constantly at our mobile, even when we are meeting people. It is not unusual to see four people at a restaurant table looking at their phones, probably even messaging each other. Sometimes, I feel that this generation would soon need special courses in the art of real-life, unaided, gadget-free conversations. I know some families follow no-phone dinner routines, but this needs to be mainstreamed.

Brahmacharya is more than just celibacy. It's about minimising sensory indulgences to lead a minimalistic, disciplined life. Today, this could include letting go of new-age luxuries like obsessive use of social media for a while or in some places. Such detox plans are likely to become regular

Award for the most addictive behaviour would easily go to those who compulsively forward WhatsApp messages. Every family and society group has some people whose full-time obsession is forwarding every message from each group to every other group, as if it's their responsibility. No requests, conversation and threat warnings can stop them. Little do they realise how easy it is for people to use their addiction to their advantage. I hope they take at least a weekly break from forwarding messages, or maybe restrict it to hourly windows. I know it's wishful thinking.

Mindless buying just because we can afford or get tempted easily with promotions on our screens is another new-age trend that we need long breaks from. I have seen people buying impulsively and looking for people to gift or give away those things. The receiver, in turn, looks for the next person to dump it on.

Enough has been said about the environmental impact of fast fashion or fashion in general. But we are surrounded by people, especially women, who have piles of saris or dresses waiting for years to be worn. Once they have been clicked in a sari, it moves to no-wear slot in the wardrobe. How can you wear something again that has been posted on social media? If this was something restricted to small elite on the top of the pyramid, we could ignore it. It is the whole of middle class that's going through such social-media-induced shopping sprees. In the process, they also end up buying cheap synthetic clothes that impact health in multiple ways. I so wish that at least people followed the dictum of not buying anything new during inauspicious periods like a shradhha paksha or amavasya. Even if you do not believe in astronomy or astrology, this would give some compulsory break to the compulsive behaviour. There is a huge opportunity for creators to talk about repeating clothes multiple times or creatively repurposing them.

Apps to manage habits must become a habit themselves. Practically, culture works better than a data-driven approach where the innate human nature tends to cheat.

QUOTE CORNER

My intuition would be it's going to be quite opposite [than the usual belief] and going to be much worse for math people than word people. What people have told me is they think within 3-5 years AI models will be able to solve all the US Maths Olympiad problems. That would shift things quite a bit.

Peter Thiel, American entrepreneur who co-founded PayPal and was the first outside investor in Facebook, on the future impact of AI

They killed children. The Israeli government says it is a mistake! I hope Benjamin Netanyahu burns and his generals burn with him.

Thomas Gould, Irish MP, in a speech in the country's parliament

Most of my crew, they all knew [the celebrities]. They were like, 'That director came, that actor is here!' I was so bad at this and I was like, 'Who?'

Kani Kusruti, who played one of the lead roles in Payal Kapadia's film, *All We Imagine As Light*, which won the Cannes Grand Prix

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Economy focus

Ref: *GDP growth impresses, but rural demand remains a worry* (Jun 1). There is no point in the GDP growing at 8-plus percent when food inflation and unemployment rates are high. Unless the next government brings these rates down, PhD holders will continue applying for simple railway jobs.

M S Raghavendra Rao, Bengaluru

Election dates

Ref: *25 on poll duty among 74 heatstroke deaths* (Jun 1). It is seriously hot and uncomfortably humid across much of India in May, especially in the North. In the West and South, the hottest times are April and the beginning of May. We have lost so many precious lives to heatstrokes this year. To avoid such incidents and increase voter turnout, the Election Commission must think of conducting general elections in June-August across India.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Command clarity

The prime minister cannot go completely incommunicado, especially as he is the nuclear commander. In 2014, when Narendra Modi went to America, he designated Rajnath Singh in his place. However, he has not designated anyone since then. People are dying due to the heatwave, while the PM is sitting in meditation. Maybe he wants to spread Hindu sentiments during the last phase of the election.

Swalih Pajeer, Mangaluru

LPG prices

The decision to reduce LPG prices for commercial use will never be passed on to general consumers by the commercial establishments. Instead, if the price of LPG cylinders used by the public is reduced even by a small margin, it will reach the common people.

N Ganesh, Chennai

Exit pass

As a septuagenarian, I have had the opportunity to come across many exit polls. In my experience, they don't reveal the real intention of the electorate and most of the numbers never match the final tally. Given this, the decision of the Congress not to participate in such speculative exit poll debates which will only be a slugfest for rating points is laudable. Their call to participate in debates from June 4 onwards, after the results are out, sounds justifiable.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Communal amity

Our nation is grappling with a series of natural disasters—a heatwave in Rajasthan, cyclone in Bengal, heavy rains in Kerala, and an earthquake in Lakshadweep. These events pose significant challenges, underscoring the importance of community unity and support. Whether through providing shelter, distributing essential supplies, or offering compassionate listening, every act of kindness plays a crucial role.

Amir, Mulleria

Movie minutiae

It's not that the world did not know about Mahatma Gandhi before the 1982 movie. His leadership, sacrifices, principles of non-violence, truth and vegetarianism are well known all over the world. The movie elucidated many minute details on the Mahatma that can be useful. They include the Mahatma gifting his upper garment to a poor woman without proper clothing to relate with the suffering of the poor.

P V Srinivas Sreelekha, Secunderabad

Ally allegation

AAP has accused the Karnataka government of a Rs 3,000-crore scam. It's really strange that the poll ally of the Congress is accusing it of corruption. Is the alliance only to win seats and defeat Modi? AAP seems to be taking the electorate for granted.

R Sriramprasad, email

Re-release classics

Older movies were often educative and moralistic, highlighting the value of relationships. It is necessary to show those films to the present generation. Our I&B ministry can set the ball rolling in this regard. We have seen such re-released films being received with huge responses.

K Jayanthi, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Arjun Ram Meghwal @arjunrammeghwal
Navigating India's vast geography and rich diversity, the seamless integration of technology and manpower has ensured a smooth and democratic process.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
There can be no clearer illustration of the fundamental flaw in Agnipath scheme – creation of a 'lesser' cadre of soldiers who are expected to work on similar tasks with lower pay and benefits.

D Raja @ComradeDRaja
People of the country have voted for a change. The constituent parties are expecting 295+ seats for INDIA alliance.

BJP lauds exit poll projections, says will win 400 seats

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE BJP, buoyed by the seat counts projected by the exit polls of various agencies, claimed that people of the country have once again reposed their trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Senior BJP leader and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the trust in Modi across the country is unparalleled, and the final results will exceed the current projections.

BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda also expressed gratitude to people for voting for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), emphasizing the goal of a developed and self-reliant nation.

Elated by the exit poll projections, Nadda further stated that his party will win more than 370 Lok Sabha seats, with the NDA securing over 400 seats.

"In this election, the voters of the country have chosen a capable, powerful, developed, and self-reliant India, focusing on economic progress and rejecting appeasement, nepotism, and corruption," the national president of BJP said.

Following Nadda's comments, BJP MP and chief of the party's youth wing, Tejasvi Surya, stated that all exit poll predictions indicate a massive victory for the BJP-led NDA, in line with Modi's vision of securing over 400 seats.

Union Minister Kailash Choudhary echoed this sentiment, saying that the exit polls have accurately indicated the NDA winning more than 400 seats. "The people have faith in the BJP-led NDA, and this is being reflected," he said.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai also noted that the exit polls truly reflect the people's blessings bestowed upon the Prime Minister.

In this election, the voters of the country have chosen a capable, powerful, developed, and self-reliant India, focusing on economic progress and rejecting appeasement, nepotism, and corruption

Jagat Prakash Nadda, BJP national president

INDIA bloc leaders discuss counting day preparations

Claim Oppn alliance will get more than 295 seats and form next govt

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LEADERS of INDIA bloc parties met on Saturday to take stock of the Opposition's preparations leading up to the June 4 counting of votes polled in the Lok Sabha elections. They claimed they will get more than 295 seats to form the government.

At the meeting, which was held at Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's residence, the leaders dwelled upon a host of issues, including the precautions to be taken on the counting day on June 4. Briefing the media after the meeting, Kharge said they have instructed their party workers to not leave the counting halls till all formalities are completed.

He said the Opposition have sought time from the Election Commission on Sunday to raise their concerns and urge the poll body to address them.

The parties have also given instructions to their workers about Form 17 C, which contains the break-up of the number of votes polled, and not to get out of the counting hall until he or she gets the certificate of election, he said.

"The fight is still not over. The leaders and workers of all the parties are extremely alert. I thank each one of them for their esteemed presence," Kharge said.

"We have fought the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 with all our might and are confident of a positive outcome. The people of India have supported us," he said in a post on X.

INDIA bloc leaders meet at Kharge's residence in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

Mamata, Mehbooba give the meet a miss

TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had already said they would not attend the meeting as polling was to take place in some Lok Sabha seats in the state. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti did not attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

Kharge asserted that the INDIA bloc will get more than 295 seats, enough for them to form the next government. "The INDIA bloc will get more than 295 seats. We have arrived at this figure after speaking with all our leaders," Kharge told reporters. "This is a survey of people. People have given this information to our leaders. The government surveys are there and their media friends also inflate figures and put it out. Therefore, we want to tell you about the reality," the Congress president said.

Opposition leaders who attended the meeting included Sharad Pawar, Akhilesh Yadav, Tejashwi Yadav, Anil Desai, Sitaram Yechury, Arvind Kejriwal, Bhagwant Mann, Sanjay Singh, Raghav Chadha, Champai Soren, Kalpana Soren, TR Baalu, Farooq Abdullah, D Raja, Dipankar Bhattacharya, Jitendra Awhad and Mukesh Sahani. Congress leaders Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were also present at the meeting.

THE INDIAN VOTER

THE BINDING FORCE OF LARGEST DEMOCRACY

CITHARA PAUL

Mandar Pardikar

EVERY election will have multiple stories to tell. But there will be one story that encapsulates all such stories. That story of the 2024 Parliament election is that of the Indian Voter — the one who is solely responsible for holding the largest democracy of the world together. In an election which was spread over three months and seven phases — unusually long even for our country — the Indian voter stood in serpentine queues braving sweltering heat, thin air and cold temperatures to cast their ballots. By doing so, s/he ensured that the festival of democracy is celebrated unhindered.

The Indian Voter, by no means, is a monolithic force. S/he is divided by every possible division — caste, religion, gender, age, regionality, ethnicity. The political engagement of the Indian voter is shaped by his past, present and aspirations for future. Here, history, sociology and politics join hands to shape his choices. So, does gender. Gone are the times when the female members would sign on dotted lines drawn by the male members in the family. Hence, family is no longer a monolithic unit and, instead, it is a unit of different identities with different political preferences. Increasingly, one's religion, too, has become a crucial factor in shaping up one's choices.

Despite these disparities, there is an "Indianness" that connected every voter as s/he stood in the queue to cast his vote. When a voter casts his vote in Tashigang, Himachal Pradesh, at the world's highest polling station (an altitude of 15,256 feet), he is getting connected with the rest of the country in a unique way. It is the same connection that compelled 30,000-odd voters in Vadakara constituency in Kerala to take flights from the Gulf and come cast their vote. The same connect makes a voter of Alakattu tribal hamlet in Dharmapuri district in Tamil Nadu trek 5 kilometres through rugged, hilly terrain to reach the polling station. When a special polling station was set up in Banej, tucked deep in the forests of Gir, for just one voter, it must be the same connect that was established there.

But there is something that should be a concern for those who repose their faith in democracy. It is the significant dip in the voters' turn out across the country. Barring a few states like Karnataka and Telangana, there has been a visible fall in the voters' turnout across the country. Multiple reasons are being attributed for this dampening of spirit – from interstate migration to absence of a strong contest. Voters' apathy is certainly a thing to worry about as it has the potential to jeopardise the democratic structure of the country and it must be addressed.

The story of the Indian voter will be incomplete without a special mention of the "women voter". Off late, her electoral turnout has been on par if not better to that of the male counterpart. This increased visibility of women voters is matched with the increased attention that political parties pay to court the women voter. (Women voters are more in numbers than males in seven states). Though the number of candidates is no match to the number of women voters, the increasing assertion of women voters is certainly a take away of the 2024 polls.

NEWSMAKER

A staggering 968.8 million registered voters were there in this election — a figure nearly three times the population of the United States. One need not think twice to call the Indian election a celebration of democracy as nowhere else will one find an electoral process as inclusive as this one. India's tryst with the election process is indeed a valuable lesson for the global community. Every voter who casts his vote in this election is living proof of the country's commitment to democratic process. And it is, indeed, an exemplary thing to do.

Mother of 17-year-old accused in Pune Porsche crash arrested

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE mother of the 17-year-old involved in the Porsche crash in Pune was arrested on Saturday for allegedly trying to tamper with her son's blood sample to influence the case.

The minor's father Vishal and grandfather Surendra Agarwal are already in judicial custody. The minor's mother, Shivani, was arrested on Saturday on the charge of replacing her son's blood samples with hers.

The police also spoke to the minor for about an hour at the observation home, where he has been sent till June 5, in his mother's presence.

"We will conduct the minor's inquiry inside the home in the presence of his mother," Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime) Shailesh Balkawade said before the police spoke to the minor.

On Friday, the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) allowed the police to probe the teenager. Under the Juvenile Justice Act, the inquiry of a minor has to be conducted in the presence of parents.

Citing their investigation into the accident, Commissioner of Police Amitesh Kumar said the juvenile's blood samples were swapped with those of his mother.

Six people, four from the Agarwal family, have been arrested in the Porsche crash incident in which two young IT engineers were killed early on May 19 in Pune's Kalyani Nagar. The Pune police have also arrested two physicians from the state-run Sassoon Hospital on suspicion of tampering with the minor's blood sample. The government's medical education department also suspended Dr Ajay Taware, chief of the forensic department and Dr Shrihari Halnor, chief medical officer.

We've spoken to the minor for about an hour. We'll conduct the inquiry inside the observation home in the presence of his mother

Shailesh Balkawade, Addl Commissioner of Police

Teen suffers head injury

An SUV allegedly driven by a 17-year-old boy hit a teenage girl in Ahmedabad, leaving her with serious head injuries, police said on Saturday. The accused boy has been detained.

'Gujarat BJP leader tried to settle assault case against MLA's son'

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A DAY after a case of attempted murder was filed against the son of a Gujarat BJP MLA and others for allegedly kidnapping and assaulting an NSUI leader, an audio recording surfaced on Saturday purportedly showing another BJP leader from Junagadh luring the victim's father for a settlement.

The case was registered against Gujarat BJP MLA Geetaba Jadeja's son Ganesh Jadeja and others on Friday. As complainant Sanjay Solanki, Ahmedabad city unit chief of the NSUI, is a Dalit, the SC/ST Act too was invoked, police said.

The clip purportedly shows that Junagadh BJP leader and deputy mayor Girish Kotecha called Sanjay's father Raju Solanki, persuading him to compromise and withdraw the complaint. But Solanki refused to any reconciliation.

According to FIR, Sanjay asked Ganesh Jadeja to drive carefully on Thursday night after the latter's car passed too close to his two-wheeler in the Kalva Chowk area. The next morning, while Sanjay was out on his two-wheeler, a car carrying Ganesh Jadeja's men allegedly rammed into him.

Five men emerged from the car, allegedly beat him with sticks, and forced him into the vehicle, police said.

Responding to the incident, the Congress questioned the law and order situation in Gujarat. "According to statistics provided in Lok Sabha, the 11 districts of Gujarat were classified as atrocity-prone zones. This also includes Junagadh, where the incident occurred," said Gujarat Congress spokesperson Hiren Banker, adding, "Every 48 hours, an attack on the Scheduled Castes occurs under the BJP government."

Every 48 hours, an attack on the Scheduled Castes occurs under the BJP government. These highlight Gujarat's deteriorating law & order situation

Hiren Banker, Gujarat Cong spokesperson

The cause

Sanjay Solanki asked Ganesh Jadeja to drive carefully on Thursday night after the latter's car passed too close to his bike. Next morning, Ganesh Jadeja's men beat him up and abducted him.

Authentic dying declaration can be sole basis for conviction of accused, says SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

AN authentic dying declaration that inspires the confidence of the court can be relied upon and be the sole basis for the conviction of an accused without any corroboration, the Supreme Court has said.

The top court made this observation on May 15 while upholding the conviction of an ex-army personnel for murdering his wife, a police constable, in Maharashtra's Beed district 22 years ago.

It said that the court has to scrutinise the dying declaration and ensure it is consistent, credible and devoid of tutoring.

A dying declaration means a statement written or verbally of some relevant facts made by a person who is dead. It is dealt under clause (1) of section 32 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872. Generally, it relates to the cause of death of a declarant. Dying declaration can be proved by the person who records it.

Generally, the court takes the dying declaration of a person as a reliable, trustworthy statement.

A bench of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan observed that there was a need for careful scrutiny of dying declarations to ensure they are voluntary and untutored.

"Once validated, such declarations hold significant sanctity and can independently support a conviction," the top court said in its order and relying on the victim's dying declaration, upheld the conviction of the victim's husband.

In this case, the victim alleged that she was assaulted by her husband and brother-in-law who tied her hands and her feet and gagged her face.

Her brother-in-law then got a matchbox and a bottle of kerosene, which the husband poured on her, and then lit the matchstick. The woman got completely burnt in the incident.

The woman was rushed to a hospital where while undergoing treatment, she gave a dying declaration pointing fingers towards her husband before succumbing to her injuries.

The trial court had earlier convicted the husband, which was later upheld by the Bombay High Court.

After scrutinising the evidence, the top court has now reinforced this decision, and upheld the two earlier orders, and directed the appellant to surrender within two weeks.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC revamps gender sensitisation committee

The Supreme Court has reconstituted its gender sensitisation and internal complaints committee with Justice Hima Kohli as its chairperson. The committee comprises 12 members from various fields. Senior SC judge Justice BV Nagarathna would also be a member. "In exercise of powers conferred by Clause 4(2) of the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013 and all enabling provisions in this behalf, Chief Justice of India has been pleased to re-constitute the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee," an office order said.

UTTARAKHAND

No bail to Gupta bros in abetment of suicide case

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE bail plea of Saharanpur-based industrialist Ajay Gupta and his brother-in-law Anil Gupta, accused of allegedly inciting the suicide of builder Satyendra Sahni, also known as Baba Sahni, was rejected by the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) on Saturday.

In the court of ACJM Sahista Bano, the bail applications of both individuals underwent intense scrutiny and debate by the defence and prosecution. Ultimately, the court dismissed the defence's contentions and declined to grant bail to the accused.

Anger over Baba Sahni's death led to a chaotic situation as soon as the Gupta brothers reached the court. Protesters gathered outside the court started sloganeering, after which a youth threw ink on Ajay Gupta and his brother-in-law as a mark of protest. Suraj Seva Dal leader Ramesh Joshi and activists inside the court fuelled the disruption, intensifying the tense atmosphere.

Sahni committed suicide on May 24, after leaving a note indicting the Gupta brothers.

Navy warship Shivalik leaves Singapore for maritime exercises with Japan, US

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIAN naval ship (INS) Shivalik on Saturday departed Singapore for Yokosuka in Japan, and is scheduled to participate in Japan-India maritime exercise (Jimex) and Rim of Pacific (Rimpac) military exercise.

INS Shivalik, an indigenously developed stealth multi-role frigate, is part of the Indian Navy's eastern fleet deployed for South China Sea and Pacific Ocean. "INS Shivalik, upon departure from Singapore, is scheduled to participate in Jimex 24 and Rimpac 24. This deployment is aimed at enhancing the degree of interoperability with the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force, US Navy and other partner navies participating in Rimpac 24," the Navy said in a statement.

Japan and the US are part of the Quad, which also includes Australia. Rimpac, started in 1971, is one of the world's biggest maritime military exercises. "Approximately 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rimpac exercise, scheduled to be held from June 26 to August 2, in and around the Hawaiian Islands," stated the US Pacific Fleet.

INS Shivalik departs from Singapore for Yokosuka in Japan on Saturday | EXPRESS

While in Singapore waters, during the ship's operational turn-around, "various activities were undertaken which included call on with base commander, Changi naval base, wreath laying at Kranji war memorial, call on with high commissioner of India to Singapore, and visit to Information Fusion Centre," Navy said.

The activities also included visit of around 80 schoolchildren onboard, of Indian and Australian high commissioners, and cross-deck visits to USS Mobile (LCS) reflecting maritime relations and shared values between the navies under the ambit of Security and Growth for All in the Region.

Indian naval ships of the eastern fleet, such as INS Delhi, Shakti and Kiltan, have been part of the long-leg operational deployment, led by Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar, Flag Officer Commanding.

South China Sea has been witnessing tensions due to contested claims to maritime boundaries. China has been asserting its claim, based on its historical rights.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	29	Mumbai	33	29
Bhopal	40	28	Panaji	32	27
Jaipur	39	31	Patna	39	29
Amritsar	45	28	Lucknow	41	30
Chennai	36	29	Port Blair	31	28
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	28	27
Srinagar	29	15	Chandigarh	43	28

Fate of Preneet, Harsimrat sealed amid nearly 56% turnout

ENS & AGENCIES @ Chandigarh

A turnout of around 55.65% was recorded in Punjab as the polling was held for 13 Lok Sabha constituencies of the state on Saturday amid minor incidents of clashes. Sources said an incident of violence was reported from Hariana area of Hoshiarpur where Congress workers accused AAP of attacking and injuring party workers.

In another incident of poll-related violence, four persons were booked at Mansurpur Badala village of Adampur Assembly segment in Jalandhar Lok Sabha seat. Some Aam Aadmi Party supporters allegedly attacked a Congress polling agent, who had to be hospitalised.

Bathinda recorded a turnout of 59.25%, followed by Gurdaspur with 58.34%, according to the Election Commission data. The state has 4-cornered contest involving the ruling AAP, Congress, BJP and SAD.

The polling percentage in Amritsar was 48.55, Khadoor Sahib 55.9, Jalandhar 53.6, Hoshiarpur 52.39, Anandpur Sahib 55.02, Ludhiana 52.22, Fatehgarh Sahib 54.55, Faridkot 54.38, Ferozepur 57.68, Sangrur 57.21 and Patiala 58.18, the data showed.

Among the prominent faces in the fray are BJP nominee and four-time MP Preneet Kaur, who is seeking re-election from the Patiala parliamentary constituency; and Harsimrat Badal, a three-time MP; and BJP's Parampal Kaur Sidhu, a former IAS officer, who are trying their luck from Bathinda.

Former deputy chief minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa is contesting from Gurdaspur, while Congress state chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring is contesting against BJP's Ravneet Singh Bittu from Ludhiana.

Radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh, who is lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail under the National Security Act (NSA), is fighting from Khadoor Sahib.

A report from the border town of Ferozepur said BSP candidate for the parliamentary seat Surinder Kamboj was booked for allegedly getting his video recorded while casting his vote and making it public.

UTTAR PRADESH

56% turnout in high-profile 13 constituencies

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN the seventh and the last phase of the 75-day battle of nerves, 13 Lok Sabha seats of the most crucial Purvanchal region of Uttar Pradesh recorded a voters' turnout of 56.6 per cent till 5 pm on Saturday and it is likely to revise in the days to come. However, the voters' turnout was 58.14 per cent in the same phase in 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The voting over the 13 seats, including the VVIP constituency of Varanasi where PM Modi was in fray, ended at 6 pm sealing the fate of 144 candidates. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is seeking a third consecutive term in the Lok Sabha from Kashi.

Besides Varanasi, the other seats which went to poll on Saturday included Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, Deoria, Bansgaon (SC), Ghosi, Salempur, Ballia, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Mirzapur and Robertsganj (SC).

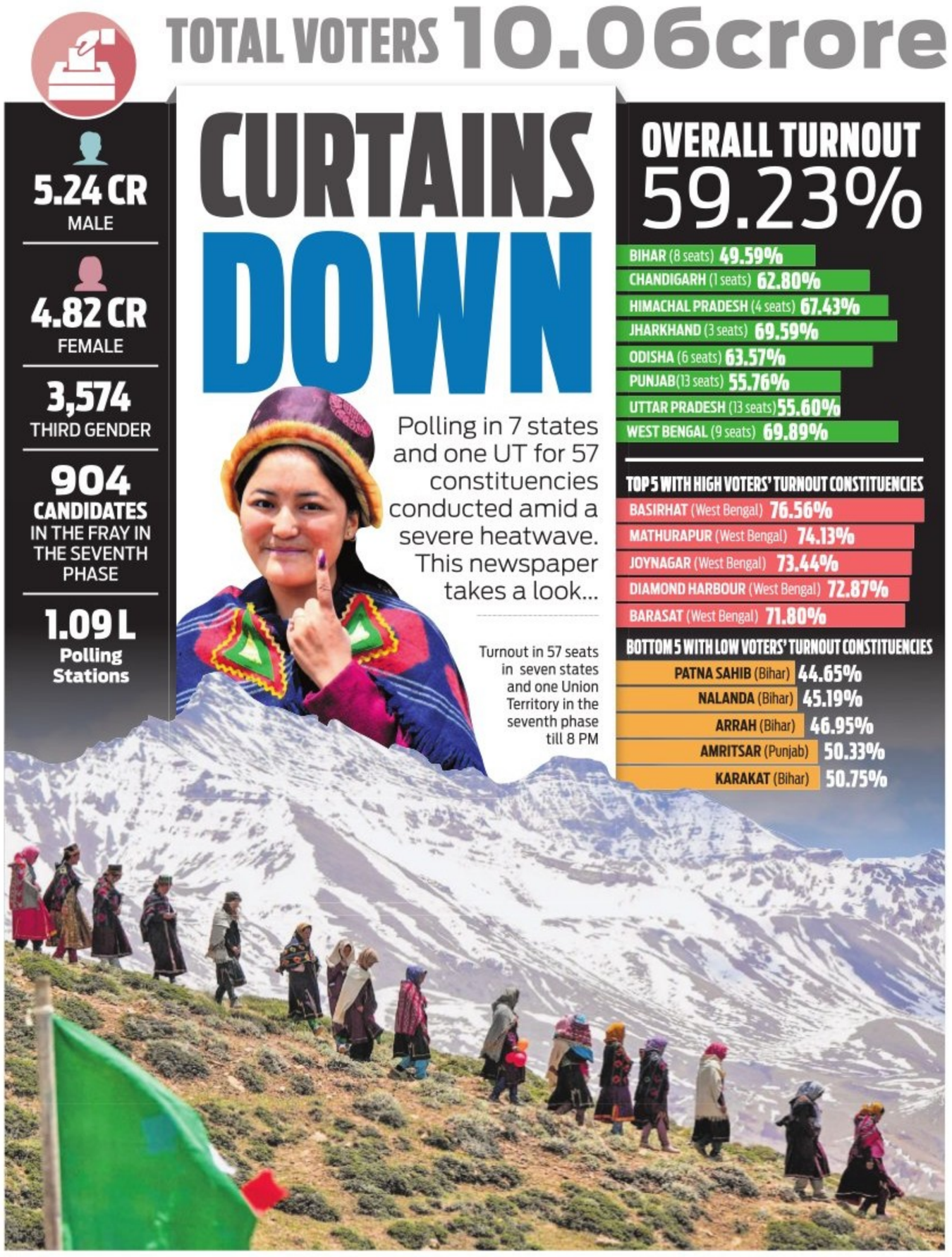
According to the ECI, the polling percentage recorded across 13 seats was -- Ballia 50.56%, Bansgaon 50.06%, Chandauli 58.19%, Deoria 54.13%, Ghazipur 53.53%, Ghosi 53.19%, Gorakhpur 52.53%, Kushinagar 56.04%, Maharajganj 58.66%, Mirzapur 55.83%, Robertsganj 54.25%, Salempur 50.21% and Varanasi 54.83.

The by-poll for the Duddhi (reserved for Scheduled Tribes) assembly constituency in Sonbhadra district was also held on Saturday. The poll percentage in Duddhi stood at 54.48 till 5 pm.

In the last phase of election, besides PM Modi, three union ministers including Anupriya Patel of Apna Dal (S) from Mirzapur, Dr Mahendra Chandra Pandey of the BJP from Chandauli and Pankaj Chaudhury also of BJP from Maharajganj were in fray.

Moreover, in Gorakhpur, the bastion of UP CM Yogi Adityanath, two actors of Bhojpuri film industry—Ravi Kishan of BJP and Kajal Nishad of SP—were locked in a tough battle. Ravi Kishan is the sitting MP seeking a second term from Gorakhpur. Gorakhpur has earlier been represented in the Lok Sabha by Adityanath for five times. UP CM Yogi Adityanath exercised his franchise in Gorakhpur, while Union Minister Anupriya Patel, a candidate from Mirzapur, cast her vote in Mirzapur. From Ghazipur, the bastion of gangster-turned-politician Ansari brothers, Afzal Ansari was leading the opposition assault on S ticket while in Ballia, son of former prime minister Chandrashekhar, Neeraj Shekhar was trying to protect the political legacy of his father. contested.

According to the EC, voting for all the Lok Sabha seats in the seventh phase, barring Robertsganj, ended at 6 pm. In the Robertsganj (SC) Lok Sabha seat and Duddhi assembly constituency, voting concluded at 4 pm.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Polling in 7 states and one UT for 57 constituencies conducted amid a severe heatwave. This newspaper takes a look...
Turnout in 57 seats in seven states and one Union Territory in the seventh phase till 8 PM
OVERALL TURNOUT 59.23%
BIHAR (8 seats) 49.59%
CHANDIGARH (1 seats) 62.80%
HIMACHAL PRADESH (4 seats) 67.43%
JHARKHAND (3 seats) 69.59%
ODISHA (6 seats) 63.57%
PUNJAB(13 seats) 55.76%
UTTAR PRADESH (13 seats)55.60%
WEST BENGAL (9 seats) 69.89%
TOP 5 WITH HIGH VOTERS' TURNOUT CONSTITUENCIES
BASIRHAT (West Bengal) 76.56%
MATHURAPUR (West Bengal) 74.13%
JOYNAGAR (West Bengal) 73.44%
DIAMOND HARBOUR (West Bengal) 72.87%
BARASAT (West Bengal) 71.80%
BOTTOM 5 WITH LOW VOTERS' TURNOUT CONSTITUENCIES
PATNA SAHIB (Bihar) 44.65%
NALANDA (Bihar) 45.19%
ARRAH (Bihar) 46.95%
AMRITSAR (Punjab) 50.33%
KARAKAT (Bihar) 50.75%

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Bypolls crucial for Sukhu govt as 68% voting recorded

ENS & AGENCIES @ Chandigarh

A voter turnout of about 68% was recorded in the four Lok Sabha constituencies of Himachal Pradesh where polling was held in the last phase of the general election and for the by-elections to six assembly seats.

The fate of the Congress-led Himachal government hangs by a thread. Meanwhile demanding basic facilities like road and internet connection, the residents of twin villages of Makhan and Chachul in the Churah subdivision in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh boycotted the elections. Chief electoral officer Manish Garg, the Kanra parliamentary seat recorded 64.92% polling, Mandi 69.78%, Hamirpur 66.25% and the Shimla (SC) seat 68.10%.

Of the six assembly constituencies where bypolls were held simultaneously, Dharamshala recorded a turnout of 66.27%, Lahaul and Spiti 73.72%, Sujanpur 63%, Barsar 50%, Gagret 68.28% and Kutlehar 71.40%.

Himachal recorded the highest-ever voter turnout of 80.1% in the 2019 polls. Among the four LS constituencies, Mandi had recorded the highest voter turnout at 82.3%, followed by Kangra at 80.9% and Hamirpur and Shimla (SC) at 79.9%.

The BJP filed a complaint against Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu with the chief electoral officer alleging a violation of the model code of conduct.

It stated that Sukhu wore a scarf of the National Students Union of India, the student wing of the Congress, while voting in Nadaun which was "objectionable" and demanded action against the CM and the election agent.

JHARKHAND

Polling peaceful in 3 seats, 92-yr-old votes for first time

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

POLLING took place in Dumka, Rajmahal and Godda in the state. Jharkhand police spokesperson and IG Operations, Amol V Homkar said no untoward incident was reported from any place. "Out of 6,258 booths, 130 booths were identified where there were Naxal issues in past. These booths registered peaceful polling," he said.

Khalil Ansari (92) cast his vote for the first time in Sahinganj. The name of Ansari from Badkhori village under Rajmahal parliamentary constituency, was initially missing from the electoral rolls, a fact discovered by Jharkhand CEO K Ravi Kumar during a surprise visit to Mandro polling stations on April 5. Kumar then directed the authorities to include Ansari's name in the electoral roll.

Meanwhile, BJP candidate from Dumka Lok Sabha seat, Sita Soren, alleged anomalies and irregularities in the voting procedure and demanded re-polling in the constituency.

Soren flagged the issue after receiving complaints from the voters about delays at booth number 44 and 45.

Dumka, however, recorded the highest voter turnout of 69.89% among the three Lok Sabha seats. As per Soren, the voting process was being deliberately delayed at most of the places in her constitution.

ODISHA

Voting started at 7 am in Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Kendrapara and Jagatsinghpur parliamentary constituencies along with 42 assembly segments falling under these Lok Sabha seats. Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are being held simultaneously in the state. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) N B Dhal said voting has been peaceful so far in the 10,882 polling booths, barring some reports of EVM glitches, which were mostly resolved or the machines replaced in some cases. Till 3 pm, around 49 per cent of the over 99.61 lakh voters exercised their franchise, officials said. Manoranjan Sahoo, an assistant teacher deputed as a booth level officer at Oleichandanapur in Jajpur district, complained of uneasiness and was taken to a local hospital where he was declared dead, they said. An elderly man also collapsed while standing in a queue in a polling booth in Iswarpur in Nilagiri assembly segment in Balasore district. He was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead, they said. Both deaths were suspected to have been caused due to heatstroke, officials said.

FACT BOX

- Polling in **28 states** and eight Union Territories comprising all 543 Parliamentary constituencies has been completed.
- **2,707** flying squads, **2,799** static surveillance teams, **1,080** surveillance teams and **560** video viewing teams were deputed for surveillance round the clock to strictly and swiftly deal with any form of malpractice.
- **201** international border check posts and **906** inter-state border check posts kept strict vigil on any illicit flow of liquor, drugs, cash and freebies.
- Strict surveillance had also been kept at sea and air routes. Surveillance has also been kept at the polling booths.

13 SPECIAL trains and 8 helicopter sorties (for Himachal Pradesh) were deployed to ferry polling and security personnel.

172 OBSERVERS (64 general observers, 32 police observers, 76 expenditure observers) were deployed.

CHANDIGARH

68% polling scored in sweltering heat

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

VOTERS braved sweltering heat to cast vote in the Chandigarh Lok Sabha constituency that reported 67.90 per cent turnout till 6 pm.

BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon is pitted against Congress nominee and former Union minister Manish Tewari in the seat. The voters queued up in areas like Ram Darbar, Hallo Majra, Mauli Jagran, Maloya, Dhanas, Dadu Majra, Kajheri and other peripheral parts of the city. In many places, the queues stretched for over 500 metres. The voting slowed down in the afternoon with the city recording 43.5°C at 2.30pm. Long queues seen in the morning vanished at several polling stations. In colonies voters were more enthusiastic than residents of upscale localities.

The Congress and Aam Aadmi Party are jointly fighting this election as INDIA bloc partners. After casting her vote in Sector 7, actress and BJP MP Kirron Kher said, "The opposition is being overoptimistic. I don't know about every seat but I know that we will get a good majority."

An estimated 6.59 lakh voters are to decide the fate of 19 candidates. Drinking water, 'chabeel (sweetened water)', medical kits, and ORS have been arranged at polling stations given the heat wave conditions. In the 2019 parliamentary elections, 74 per cent voting took place.

BIHAR

Patliputra records highest, Patna Sahib lowest turnout among 8 constituencies

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE seventh and final phase of the Lok Sabha election on eight seats in Bihar on Saturday witnessed a voter turnout of nearly 50.56% till 6 pm, which is about 0.68% less than the 51.24% voter turnout recorded in the 2019 election.

Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar, H. R. Srinivasa, said that the Patliputra Lok Sabha constituency recorded the highest voter turnout at 56.91%, whereas the 2019 election saw a turnout of 55.93%. Patna Sahib recorded the lowest voter turnout with 45%. Buxar recorded 53.70%, followed by Karakat (53.44%), Jehanabad (51.20%), Sasaram (SC) (51%), and Nalanda (46.50%).

Reports of poll boycotts were received from four polling stations—two (polling station numbers 106 and 107) in Jehanabad and one each (polling station numbers 01 and 188) in Nalanda and Patliputra Lok Sabha constituencies, due to a lack of development in the area.

Central agencies recovered ₹3.41 crore in cash and 431,130 liters of liquor during search operations in the seventh phase. A total of 134 contestants were in the fray. Of them, 122 contestants were male and the remaining 12 were female. A total of 1,62,04,594 electors, including 77,02,559 female electors, will decide the contestants' fate.

Meanwhile, Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, former Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi, Hindustani Awam Morcha patron Jitan Ram Manjhi, former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, RJD leader Tej Pratap Yadav, and Rohini Acharya cast their votes in the Patna Sahib Lok Sabha constituency.

VOTE FIRST, CREMATION OF MOTHER NEXT FOR HIM

Family members of an octogenarian woman, who died on Saturday, preferred to first cast their votes and then perform her last rites. The incident took place in Jehanabad.

Mithilesh Yadav, a resident of Deokuli village said his mother won't come back. "Cremation can wait, no the elections," he said. The family members took an unanimous decision to cast their votes first and then go to the cremation ghat for the last rites.

150 prisoners of war exchanged by Russia and Ukraine on Saturday, first such exchange in five months

Biden pushes for truce, says Hamas incapable of attacking Israel again

US prez details three-phase deal proposed by Israel to end war; Hamas says viewing it positively

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Friday detailed a three-phase deal proposed by Israel to Hamas militants that he says would lead to the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza and could end the grinding, nearly 8-month-old Mideast war.

Biden added that Hamas is "no longer capable" of carrying out another large-scale attack on Israel as he urged Israelis and Hamas to come to a deal to release the remaining hostages for an extended cease-fire. The Democratic president in remarks from the White House called the proposal "a road map to an enduring cease-fire and the release of all hostages".

Biden said the first phase of the proposed deal would last for six weeks and would include a "full and complete cease-fire", a withdrawal of Israeli forces from all densely populated areas of Gaza and

Remains of a UN-run school in the Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip that was damaged in Israeli strikes | AFP

the release of a number of hostages, including women, the elderly and the wounded, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

American hostages would be released at this stage, and remains of hostages who have been killed would be returned to their families. Humanitarian assistance would surge during the first phase, with 600 trucks being allowed into Gaza each day.

The second phase would include the release of all remaining living hostages, including male soldiers, and Israeli forces would withdraw from Gaza.

"And as long as Hamas lives up to its commitments, the temporary cease-fire would become, in the words of the Israeli proposal, the cessation of hostilities permanently," Biden said.

The third phase calls for the start of a major reconstruction of Gaza, which faces decades of rebuilding from devastation caused by the war. The 4-1/2 page Israeli proposal was transmitted to Hamas on Thursday.

Meanwhile, congressional leaders on Friday invited Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to deliver an address at the US Capitol. The invitation from House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, has been in the works for some time though there is great concern, especially among the Democrats, about Israel's pursuit of the war.

No date for the speech was set. Biden acknowledged that keeping the Israeli proposal on track would be difficult, saying there were a number of "details to negotiate" to move from the first phase to the second.

One roadblock to overcome during the first phase would involve the two sides agreeing on the ratio of hostages to prisoners to be released during the next phase, according to a senior Biden administration official who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity.

Hamas, meanwhile, said it "views positively" the Israeli plan laid out by Biden.

Biden's remarks came as the Israeli military confirmed that its forces are now operating in central parts of Rafah in its expanding offensive in the southern Gaza city. *AFP*

US defence secy Austin seeks talks with China

SINGAPORE

UNITED States Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin told a gathering of top security officials Saturday that war with China was neither imminent nor unavoidable, despite rapidly escalating tensions in the Asia-Pacific region, stressing the importance of renewed dialogue between him and his Chinese counterpart in avoiding "miscalculations and misunderstandings."

Austin's comments at the Shangri-La defense forum in Singapore came the day after he met for more than an hour on the sidelines with Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun, the first in-person meeting between the top defense officials since contacts between the American and Chinese militaries broke down in 2022 after then-US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, infuriating Beijing.

Neither side budged from their longstanding positions on Taiwan which China claims as its own and has not ruled out using force to take and on China's sweeping claims in the South China Sea, which has led to direct confrontations between China and other nations in the region, most notably the Philippines. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

4 Pak soldiers killed in blast in restive province

Peshawar: At least four Pakistan Army soldiers were killed while three others were injured in an IED blast in the country's restive northwest region, police said. The incident occurred late on Friday evening when the security forces were on patrolling duty in the Sra Bangla and Tarkhanan area of the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The injured were immediately shifted to hospital and admitted, said the police

China, Pakistan open new air cargo route

Islamabad: A new air cargo route has been launched between Pakistan and China to further enhance trade ties between the two all-weather allies, ahead of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to Beijing next week. According to the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan news agency, the new air cargo route inaugurated on May 28 linked Guizhou, China with Karachi, Pakistan

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/9/2024
Dated: 27.05.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Proposed upgradation / Development of Maintenance infrastructure at Sri. M. Visvesvaraya Terminal maintenance of Vande Bharat Chair car trains - Extension of MEMU shed for length of 60m towards Baiyyappanahalli End. (Tender Ref. No.: BYPL-3CT-19)	Rs. 5,05,09,891/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 20.06.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction Works / Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/124/AAV/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway-SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are here by informed that my client **SHANKAR RAO. B,**. S/o late Babu Rao, aged about 43 years residing at No.10, Abhyudayam, 9th A cross 1st MAINROAD MIRACLE pools Maruthi Layout, Kempapura Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560064, had lost the Sale deed CERTIFICATE document No.PNY-1-04032-2010-11, dated 12-11-2010 in respect of the Site No.95, Khatha No.620, Assessment No.18/1, situated at Doddabidarakallu village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore, measureing 1200 sq ft. registred at Sub-registrar office, PEENYA, Bangalore-560058 while shifting the house at Bangalore and I lodge the police compliant Lost report No.1079597/2024, dated 01-06-2024 if anybody found the same please to be returned to the under signed.

G. R. Ravi Chandra Reddy, Advocate
No.61. 11th cross, Kogilu, Yelahanka
Bangalore-560064. 9845089115.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Sri. J Narayan** states that 1. Partition deed dated 16-11-2013 executed between Mr. M M Ranganna & Mrs. Gowri Anil Kumar, Mr. Vijay Ranganna, vide document No. VJN-1-3163/2013-14 Registered at the office of the sub- registrar Vijayanagar Bangalore 2. Release deed dated. 17-12-2015 Executed by Mrs. Gowri Anil Kumar in favour of Mr. M M Ranganna, vide document No. VJN-1-4739/2015-16 registered at the office of the sub- registrar Vijayanagar Bangalore.

The said two Registered Documents are lost. If anybody get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned **within 15 days** with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 85 (old) New Municipal No. 40, PID No. 8-30-40, BBMP Ward No. 65, Situated at 1st Main Road, Maruthi extension Bangalore measuring east to west (91+93) /2 ft and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 3680 sq ft and bounded on:
East by : Private Property.
West by : 1st Main Road.
North by : Site No. 86.
South by : Site No. 84

POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate.
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout,
Bangalore-560 078. Mobile No. 9886244736.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Ram Reddy** S/o. Akkal Reddy, residing at Marsur Madiwala Village at Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Stating that he has misplaced the Original documents at Marsur Madiwala i.e., registered sale deed document No.1066/1981-82 dated 30/10/1980 at SRO Anekal Sy.No.306 and one more client **Keshav Murty M P S/o Palappa**, Residing at Marsur Madivala Village at Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Stating that he has misplaced the original documents at Marsur Madiwala i.e., registered sale deed document No.5426/1944-95 dated 30 march 1995 at SRO Anekal for Sy.No.308 in this regards my client filed a complaint for both before Surya Nagar Police Station Anekal Taluk vide GSC No.PO2144240600706 and GSC no PO2144240600707, dated 31/5/2024.

My client issue notice to the General public that if any person has in any manner right title claim and/ or interest in respect of the under mentioned Land and found the said Misplaced documents anywhere he/she may inform me or to my client in writing within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall treat a certified True Copies of above said misplaced documents as original. Thereafter no claim will be entertained.

K.S.Nandish Babu, Advocate, Room No.9, Janatha Hotel Building, H.Siddaiah Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027, Ph: +91 9448520118.

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU

No. BASEU/ENG/14/2022 Date: 31-05-2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Finance Officer, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **Providing 3 Cars with Air Conditioner on monthly rental basis** for a period of one year. **Tender No. BASE/2024-25/SE0005 Call-4.** Estimated cost is **Rs. 15,12,000/-** and EMD is **Rs. 37,800/-.** The tenderer shall upload/submit the tender **before 5.00 pm on 15.06.2024** through Public Procurement portal of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** For more details, please refer Karnataka Public Procurement portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The undersigned reserve the right to cancel or reject the tender without assigning any reasons.

DIPR/CP/YC/173/2024-25 **Sd/- Finance Officer**

Contact us: Jnana Bharathi Main Road, Nagarbhavi P.O. Bengaluru Karnataka - 560072. Active Helpdesk : 080-29557767 E-mail: info@base.ac.in

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: SWRTMYPR202425WT02
Dated: 24.05.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Name of Work	Appx. Value
Major repair works of UNIMAT 8269 machine.	Rs. 4,70,46,600/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 26.06.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Executive Engineer / Track Machines
PUB/118/AAV/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Bengaluru**
South Western Railway-SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: BE-29-2024 -25-0T-06

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description of Work	Appx. Value
Proposed construction of Type-II (5units), Type-III (4 units), Type-IV (3units), Type-V (1 unit) in Bengaluru area under Bengaluru Cantonment - Whitefield Quadrupling project : Construction of staff quarters-Electrical arrangements, Bengaluru - Renovation of Existing old RE Rest house 4 Nos. to convert as ORH at Bengaluru & Conversion of 10 rooms for ORH in the Exg old RE office at second floor of station building at Bengaluru, Bengaluru -Renovation of Existing four rooms of ORH on KSR station Building & Construction of SSE SIGNAL & TELE Office at first floor of SSE SRM office at SBC- Electrical Works.	Rs. 68,32,382/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 18.06.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
PUB/123/AAV/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Bengaluru**
South Western Railway-SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that **I, Mr. SHANKAR CHANGA REDDY & Smt. GIRIJA SHANKAR,** intends to purchase the property bearing **Site No. 24,** situated at **14th Cross, Manorayanapalya, Ward No. 22, BBMP, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West: 30-0 feet and North to South: 40-0 feet, in all total 1200 square feet from Sri. S.SANTHOSH, S/o Late V. Shankaran & Padmini.

If any person or persons having any manner of right, title or interest in respect of property stated above may file their written objection along with evidentiary Proof before the undersigned within two weeks from the publication of this public notice, failing which shall construe that there is no form of encumbrance or objection of any sort from anyone to the said transaction and complete the sale transaction free from all encumbrances.

Sd/- SHANKAR CHANGA REDDY & Smt. GIRIJA SHANKAR,
No. 10,1st 'A' Cross, Near Lakshmi Bar, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanapalya, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 032, Contact No. 98451 28017.
Place: Bengaluru. Dated: 01.06.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. S. SANTHOSH, S/o Late V. Shankaran & Padmini, Residing at No 24/38, **"Padma Nivas",** Manorayanapalya. R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 032, have lost registered **Document No. 16220/1980-81,** somewhere in Manorayanapalya. If any one finds this Document, please call me **Mob: 98869 94509** or hand over to nearest Police Station.

Bengaluru
Dated: 01.06.2024.

IDBI BANK
(CIN)L65190MH2004GOI148838
website: www.idbibank.in

IDBI House, 58 Mission Road
Bengaluru - 560027, Phone No: 080-61451101

REQUIREMENT OF BRANCH PREMISES AT SINGASANDRA

The bank is in search of Branch premises for a long-term lease, preferably situated on the ground floor at Singasandra. The ideal space should have a carpet area of 1500 sq ft , located prominently on a main road with excellent visibility, considerable frontage, reliable power supply, and convenient parking facilities in promising commercial and residential areas . Interested parties owning suitable premises are encouraged to submit their applications within 10 days (excluding the advertisement date), no later than 6:00 PM dated **11.06.2024**. All applications should be addressed to Shri **S Pitchiah, GM & Sr Regional Head, IDBI Bank Ltd, at IDBI House, 58 Mission Road, Bengaluru – 560027, Phone No: 080-61451101**. Estate agents must furnish complete details along with authorization letters from landlords, noting that the bank will not offer any brokerage. IDBI Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without specifying reasons. Applicants are advised to follow the "Instructions/Guidelines for submitting the offer," available on our website www.idbibank.in under Notices-Tenders or obtainable from any of our branches.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 02.06.2024

Sd/-
Chief General Manager & Zonal Head
Retail Banking Group (Bengaluru Zone)

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560001.
O. A. NO. 151/ 2022

BETWEEN : BANK OF BARODA
Dasarahalli Branch ...APPLICANT
AND: M/S. VFS CONCEPTS & ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED U/R 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.20,96,439.41/-(Twenty Lakhs Ninety six thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine and Paise Forty one only)** together with current and future interest and for the reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons/notice or on **11.07.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this day of **9th day of MAY, 2024.**

By Order Of The Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I Bangalore

To. Defendant No.1: M/S. VFS CONCEPTS
No.35, Old No.641, 6th Main Road,
N.C.S Sadana, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040
Represented by its Sole Proprietor
Sri. RAMAKRISHNA N.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the immovable Property more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder from its Owners **(1) Mr. K.A JOSEPH,** aged about 62 years, Son of K.J Abraham, **(2) Mrs. DAISY JOSEPH,** aged about 54 years, Wife of K.A Joseph both residing at No. 514, 1st Cross, 12th Main Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 034.

All persons having any right, title, claim or interest in respect of the Schedule Property by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, gift, lien, charge, maintenance, easement, trust, possession or otherwise of whatsoever nature, are hereby required to make the same known in writing, along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event, no such claim is received, my client shall proceed with the transaction with Owners as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing **vacant site No.33 in Block-4, Anjanapura Layout,** a layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore measuring **East to West: 15.00 Mtrs, and North to South 24.00 + 25.00 Mtrs/2,** totally measuring **367.50 Mtrs** and which is bounded as follows:
East by : Site No.34;
West by : Site No.32,
North by : Site No 44;
South by : Road.

Sd/- **Vaishali Basawanal,** Advocate
VSB Law Associates
312, III Level Prestige Meridian II,
29-30, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001
Ph: 98440 91496
Bangalore 1st June, 2024

IN THE COURT OF THE SMALL CAUSES JUDGE, AT BENGALURE (SCCH-3)
S.C.No.685/2023

BETWEEN: M/s.V.V.Detective & Security Services Pvt.Ltd. ...PLAINTIFF.
AND: Sri.A.S.Bharadwaj. ...DEFENDANT.

NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1) (1 A) OF CPC TO THE DEFENDNAT

Sri.A.S.BHARADWAJ, Proprietor, A.S. Corporation, J Tower, Flat No.305, Mantri Tranknquill, Gubbalala, Subramanyapura, BENGALURU -560061.

WHEREAS, the Plaintiffs have filed the above suit for recovery of sum of Rs.86,540/- (Rupees Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Forty only) with interest @ of 18% p.a from the date of suit till the payment along with the costs against you and such other relief/s. The case is now posted on **28/6/24 at 11-00 A.M.** for your appearance.

Therefore, you are hereby directed to appear before the court either in person or through an Advocate duly authorized to answer all material questions, failing which the court will proceed to pass an order placing you EX-PARTE.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 30th day of May 2024 at Bengaluru.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
Court of Small Causes, Bangalore

Advocate plaintiffs
M.V.CHANDRA SHEKAR. B.Sc., LL.B. Advocate
#936, 20th Main Road, B.S.K.2nd Stage, BENGALURU-560070. Ph:9448541971.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that, Smt. L.Meena, W/o Late G. R.Gurumurthy being the absolute owner of the property described in schedule hereunder is intending to mortgage the Schedule Property in favour of Union Bank of India as security to the credit facilities and accordingly intending to create charge on the Schedule Property. If any person /s or entities have any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property or objections to the proposed mortgage in favour of Union Bank of India, the same may be sent /lodged to the undersigned with documentary proof/evidence within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this Public Notice. If no objections are received within the said period, my Client Union Bank of India will proceed further to mortgage the Schedule Property and no claims are entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.16, PID No.23 - 36 - 16 (Old Municipal No.799/16) 5th Cross, Prakashanagar, Bangalore, BBMP Old ward No.23, New ward No.98 (Prakashanagar) measuring East to West and the North inside 18 Feet, and the South inside 16.5 Feet, North to South and the East inside 30 Feet, and the West inside 28 Feet with building existing thereon and bounded on;
East by: Mori / Culvert;
West by: Previously portion of site No. 25, later No.799/16 now Mori/Culvert;
North by: Mori/Culvert;
South by: 5th Cross Road;

M. MOHAN RAO
Advocate,
No.14, Sirur Park Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. Ph. 98453 79955
Place: Bengaluru Dated: 31.05.2024

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WITHOUT HARD WORK, NOTHING GROWS BUT WEEDS

GORDON B HINCKLEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that **Smt.Byalamma** W/o Late Yallappa, Aged about-70 Years, Residing at Uttasipalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and others are in the verge of executing the Sale Deed in favour of my client, in respect Schedule Property. The Owners have represented to my client that they are the sole and absolute owners of the Schedule Property with clear and marketable title and absolute right and interest therein and that apart from them, there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property. The owners have further represented that they have not entered into any Agreement in respect of schedule property or any part thereof and have nor created any mortgage or any type of encumbrance in respect of the Schedule Property.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property shall intimate the objection in writing to me with supporting documents within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication, else any such claim shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. And my client shall proceed to conclude the Sale Deed.

SCHEDULE

All that land in agricultural property in **Sy No-74/1** measuring **2 Acres-26 Guntas** along with 1.00 Acre Kharab land totally 3 Acres -26 Guntas, and all that land in agricultural property in **Sy No-74/2** measuring **1 Acres -17 Guntas,** all that land in agricultural property in **Sy No-74/3** measuring **1 Acres-35 Guntas,** all are situated at **Halkur Village, Thamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded by:**East:** Boundary of Timmasandra Village.**West:** Land belongs to Sri. Puttarevanna. **North:** Kere. **South:** Land belongs to Sri.Siddaraju.

Sd/-
VIJAYAKUMAR.G.BAGOJI B.A.LL.M
-Advocate
No.1101, 2nd Floor, 10th Main Road, 6th Cross, Prakashnagar, Bengaluru – 560021.Mob-9342384382
Email:-vijayakumar_bgk@rediffmail.com

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website: www.kamplitown.mrc.gov.in,
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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

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ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.06.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ದಿನಾಂಕ 14.06.2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

Indent No: 1.DMA/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT17865. **Estimate Cost (In Lakhs):** 33.34. **Cat: Other.**
2.DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT16977. **Estimate Cost (In Lakhs):** 68.50. **Cat: Other.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಂಪ್ಲಿ.

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/26/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–11, ಜಯನಗರ 3ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 7ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 4ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 408 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ.ಸೋಮಶೇಖರ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಬಿನ್ ದಿ॥ಭೈರಪ್ಪ ರವರ ಹಕ್ಕು ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿರುವ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 1, ಖಾತಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 3, ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 10/3ಎ4, ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ವ–ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: ಉತ್ತರದ ಕಡೆ: (9.10+20.4)/2, ಮತ್ತು ದಕ್ಷಿಣದ ಕಡೆ : 30.9 ಅಡಿಗಳು, ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : ಪೂರ್ವದ ಕಡೆ: 49.1 ಅಡಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಪಶ್ಚಿಮದ ಕಡೆ : (43+6.3)/2 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 1084 ಚದರ ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆವುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತು, ಪೀಣ್ಯ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗೆ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಚಿನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ಮಕ್ಕಳುಗಳಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ": 01.02.1993 ರಂದು ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಖರೀದಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರವು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉಪ–ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 8040/1992–93, ಸಂಪುಟ 4898, ಪುಟ 141–144 ರಂತೆ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 2, ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 10/3ಎ4 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ವ–ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ : (88+96)/2, ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : (50+45)/2 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆವುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಪೀಣ್ಯ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ.ಚಿನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ಮಕ್ಕಳುಗಳಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01.02.1993 ರಂದು ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಖರೀದಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರವು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉಪ–ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 8043/1992–93, ಸಂಪುಟ 4892, ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 247–249 ರಂತೆ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 6, ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಪೂರ್ವ–ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 60 ಅಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ–ದಕ್ಷಿಣ : (57+47)/2 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆವುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪೀಣ್ಯ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ.ಆನಂದ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ರವರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 08.05.1992 ರಂದು ಶುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಖರೀದಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರವು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಉಪ–ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 637/1992–93, ಸಂಪುಟ 4752, ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 95–98 ರಂತೆ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾವೆನಡೆದಿದ್ದು, ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ವಕೀಲರ ಮೂಲಕ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಿಂದ ಹಿಂಪಡೆದು ಮನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದು, ಆ ನಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರಗಳು ಅಂದರೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.02.1993 ರಂದು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 8040/1992–93 ಮತ್ತು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 8043/1992–93, ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.05.1992 ರಂದು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 637/1992–93 ಈ ಮೂರು ಮೂಲ ಪತ್ರಗಳು ಕಾಣೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಠಾಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01.06.2024 ರಂದು ದೂರು ದಾಖಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಮಸ್ತ ನಾಗರಿಕರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಮೂಲ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಸುಳಿವು ದೊರೆತರೆ ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ.ಸೋಮಶೇಖರ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ರವರ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದು ಮಾಡಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ವಿನಂತಿ.

ಟಿ. ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿ.ಎ, ಎಲ್‌ಎಲ್.ಬಿ, ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ.20, 8ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚೆಂಚ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಗಣೇಶ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ನಂದಿನಿಲೇಔಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು 560096. ಮೊ : 9901404709

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with ***Rule 3*** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **02.03.2024** (ref: BOB:MIDBEN:ADV:2023-24/242) calling upon the Borrower (1) **M/s. G.T. Cinemas Private Limited,** No.92, Pramod Theatre, Magadi Main Road,Opp. Magadi Road Police Station, Bengaluru – 560023 Represented by **(2)Mr.Thimmaiah Anand** S/o. Late M. Thimmaiah Residing at No.45, 1st Stage 5th Phase, Mahaganapathi Nagar West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560010 **(3) Mr.Thimmaiah Ramachandra** Residing at No.9, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 3 D Cross,Near Shanbhag Hospital,Thimmaiah Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore – 560079, **(4) Mr.Thimmaiah Manjunath** S/o. Late M. Thimmaiah Residing at No.45, 1st Stage 5th Phase, Mahaganapathi Nagar West of Chord Road,Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010, **(5) Mr. Thimmaiah Gangadhara** (since deceased) **Represented by Legal Heirs, 5A.Ms. G Geetha,** D/o. of Late Mr. Thimmaiah Gangadhara,Residing at No.8, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 3D Cross,Shanbhag Nursing Home, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560079, **(5B.) Ms. D Padma,** W/o. of Late Mr. Thimmaiah Gangadhara, Residing at No.8, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 3 D Cross, Near Shanbhag Hospital, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560079, **(5C). Mr. G Prasanna Kumar** , S/o. of Late Mr. Thimmaiah Gangadhara,Residing at No.8, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, 3 D Cross, Near Shanbhag Hospital, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560079 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,13,49,41,173.26** (Rupees One Hundred and Thirteen Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Three and Twenty Six paisa only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under ***sub section (4) of Section 13*** of the said Act read with Rule ***8*** of the ***Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002*** on this **28th** day of May of the year 2024.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.1,13,49,41,173.26** (Rupees One Hundred and Thirteen Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Forty One Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Three and Twenty Six paisa only) as on 29.02.2024 and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property:

All that piece and parcel of land and building existing and/or to be constructed thereon and shown under Schedule "A", Schedule "B", Schedule "C", Schedule "D" and Schedule "E" below together with easementary and appurtenants thereto.

Schedule "A" : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.242 measuring 2 Acres 10 Guntas in Kempapura Agrahara Village, Magadi Main Road, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. And bounded on; East by: R Rangappa's Property,West by: Trust Board Property,North by: Narayanappas Property,South by: Remaining portion belongs to vendor Gundappa

Schedule "B": All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Sy.No: 242 and New No.92 of Kempapura Agrahara Village, site measuring East to West Northern side 22 feet and towards Southern side 25 feet, North to South Eastern side 217 feet Western side 213 feet. And bounded on; East by: Remaining portion of same property belongs to vendor, West by: Land belongs to M Thimmaiah, North by: Land belongs to Vendor, South by: Land belongs to Thimmaiah

Schedule "C": All that piece and parcel of Industrial property bearing site No: 1458 to 1485 measuring East to West 191.8 feet and North to South 193 feet in all measuring 36991.66 Sq.Ft, formed in Sy.No: 242/3 of Jodi Kempapura Agrahara, Magadi Road, (Cholurpalya) Bangalore. And bounded on : East by: Property belongs to M. Thimmaiah, West by: Road, North by: Property belongs to M Thimmaiah (Pramod Theatre), South by: Private Property

Schedule "D" : (Composite Property): All that piece and parcel of commercial property formed at erstwhile Cholarapalya, Jodi Kempapura Agrahara by combining all the properties mentioned in Schedule "A", Schedule "B", Schedule "C" being part of industrial lands converted for commercial purpose by Bangalore Development Authority now within the limits of BBMP and bearing property No: 17, PID No: 33-18-17, New PID No: 123-W0103-2 situated at Magadi Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 260.37 ft and North to South 540 ft totally measuring about 1,40,600 sq.ft including the building/s super build up area, structure with fitting and fixtures and bounded on : East by: Private property, West by: Magadi Main Road, North by: Kannappa's Land and Raghavendra Swamy Temple, South by: Private Property

Schedule "E" : (Lease Hold Rights owned by M/s G T Cinemas Pvt Ltd) All that piece and parcel of the land bearing No:17, situated at Cholarapalya, Jodi Kempapura Agrahara, now at Magadi Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore bearing PID No: 33-18-17, New PID No: 123-W0103-2 assigned by BBMP, measuring to an extent towards Eastern side 233 feet, Western side 209 feet, Northern side 213+101/2 and Southern side 378 feet including the building/s super built up area, structure with fitting and fixtures and bounded on East by: Residential Private property, West by: 40 ft Road and Corporation Park and Magadi Main Road, North by: Prasanna and Pramod Theatre and other property, South by: Private Property and Road.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 28.05.2024

Sd-Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
Mid Corporate Branch, Bengaluru

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. | GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnen Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.
CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 30.06.2023 & MSGL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.09.2023 and MSGB, SME Suvarna & EMI due up to 31.03.2024 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far inspite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 10.06.2024 from 10 am onwards.

CHANNAPATNA-RAMANAGARAM: 1744000006, 1744000007, 1744000013, 1744000014, 1744000015, 1744000019, 1744000020, 1744000023, 1744000042, 1744000048, 1744000053, 1744000069, 1744000071, 1744000083, 1744000095, 1744000104, 1744000107, 1744000114, 174400072, 174400073, 174400074, F14138, F14224, F14230, F14236, F14241, F14243, F14249, F14252, F14254, F14268. **CHENNAPATTANA:** 075200012, 075200026, 075200057, 075200068, 075200071, 075200078, 075200079, 075200081, 075200089, 075200118, 075200379, 075200439, F20646, F20689, F20751, F20754, F20755, F20794, F20799, F20803, F20811, F20821. **HAROHALLI:** 403600029, 403600038, 403600050, 403600051, 403600052, 403600066, 403600214, F1250, F2451, F2482, F2473, F2479, F2490, F2501, F2605, F2666, F2715, F2722, F2723, F2996, F3002, F3010, F3011, F3028, F3056, F3320, F4178, F4182, F4189, F4243. **KANAKAPURA:** 1276000020, 1276000037, 1276000049, 1276000058, 1276000068, 1276000097, 1276000110, 1276000121, 1276000132, 1276000140, 1276000149, 1276000153, 1276000157, 1276000181, 1276000191, 1276000193, 1276000223, 1276000224, 1276000227, 1276000235, 1276000236, 1276000242, 1276000257, 1276000258, 1276000261, 1276000278, 1276000282, 1276000289, 1276000291, 1276000296, 1276000297, 1276000309, 1276000315, 1276000322, 1276000333, 1276000335, 127600042, 127600043, 127600044, 127600046, 127600076, 127600077, 127600078, 127600085, 127600086, 127600088, F24072, F24142, F24143, F24502, F24503, F24642, F24712, F24760, F24788, F26106, F26107, F26108, F26111, F26135, F26136, F26143, F26144, F26145, F26146, F26150, F26151, F26152, F26153, F26160, F26165, F26166, F26167, F26168, F26169, F26175, F26176, F26177, F26178, F26237, F26239, F26240, F26368, F26638, F26639, F26665, F26687, F26842, F26843, F26844, F26858, F26859, F26865, F26976, F26980, F29882, F30217, F30564, F30577, F30597, F30605, F30619, F30671, F30682, F30689, F30716, F30760, F30762, F30765, F30792, F30836, F30848, F30936, F30954, F30956, F30979, F30984. **MAGADI:** 410800061, 410800065, 410800091, 410800147, 410800384, 410800416, 410800439, F3296, F3346, F7173, F7190, F7272, F7286, F7391. **RAM NAGAR:** 0406000004, 0406000005, 0406000013, 0406000021, 0406000025, 0406000027, 0406000042, 0406000045, 0406000059, 0406000076, 0406000079, 0406000101, 0406000102, 0406000103, 0406000106, 0406000110, 0406000111, 0406000115, 0406000118, 0406000120, 0406000132, 0406000142, 0406000145, 0406000152, 0406000155, 0406000175, 0406000176, 0406000204, 040600045, 040600057, 040600058, 040600067, 040600068, 040600070, 040600074, 040600076, F61577, F61586, F61591, F61599, F61605, F61634, F61635, F61648, F61659, F61662, F61689, F61691, F61730, F61750, F61757, F61759, F61779, F61780, F61794, F61845, F61853, F61871. **RAMANAGARAM-VINAYAKA NAGAR:** 371000007, 371000039, 371000055, 371000056, 371000097, 371000101, 371000104, 371000112, 371000136, F15807, F15890, F16041, F16074, F16081, F16110, F16119, F16122, F16126, F16132, F16173, F16202, F16204, F16213, F16215, F16226, F16247, F16254, F16296, F16309, F16326, F16330. **SATHANUR:** 387300002, 387300017, 387300022, 387300036, 387300043, 387300054, 387300064, 387300073, 387300076, 387300086, 387300096, 387300115, 387300119, 387300126, 387300150, 387300155, 387300157, 387300158, 387300178, 387300182, 387300470, F10014, F10015, F10026, F10028, F10048, F10064, F10099, F10107, F9671, F9829, F9838, F9868, F9869, F9889, F9921, F9930, F9948, F9979, F9996.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches. Please note if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to any reasons, the same will be conducted on 20.06.2024 at 10.00 am at Muthoot FinCorp Ltd., First Floor, #1385, I st Floor, B.M.Road, Near K.S.R.T.C Bus Stand, Ramnagar, Karnataka - 562159. The bidders are requested to produce Photo Id card, Pan Card. The successful bidder should transfer the money through RTGS. **Muthoot FinCorp Ltd.**

6.5% reduction in Jet fuel or ATF price on Saturday and commercial LPG used by hotels and restaurants was reduced by ₹69 per 19-kg cylinder on declining international oil prices

HEALTHCARE SECTOR SEES BOOM WITH RECORD INVESTMENTS

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

HEALTHCARE sector has been witnessing record investments for the past a few years and in just five months of this year, the industry has secured private equity and venture capital investment of over $1 billion.

As per analytics firm Venture Intelligence data, the industry saw investments of over $4.5 billion across 19 deals in 2023, a 220% rise from last year. In 2022, the sector attracted $1.4 billion across 15 deals.

Hospitals are also announcing their expansion plans as recently Aster DM Healthcare launched ₹250 crore expansion plans for Aster CMI Hospital in Bengaluru. It will raise its bed capacity from 500-850 by FY27.

Recently, Japan's Toyota Tsusho and Secom Medical System announced their plans to set up a second multi-super speciality hospital, Sakra, in Bengaluru for ₹1,000 crore. The facility will boast a 500-bed capacity.

"PE community sees a huge opportunity in healthcare, which is an undeniably recession-proof sector and they would participate in the buoyant growth story. This growing participation will get a booster dose as more and more Indians move up the economic ladder to demand better lifestyles and quality healthcare," said Dr. B S Ajaikumar, Executive Chairman, HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd (HCG).

He said there are challenges given a few stifling government rules and minuscule GDP allocation to healthcare, but the opportunities outnumber and outweigh the challenges. HCG is expanding its footprint in Bengaluru with the launch of two new cancer care centres. The two centres will commence operations in early 2025.

Demand for health services

A surge in PE and VC investments in the sector is primarily attributable to the substantial demand for healthcare services. Investors foresee potential in meeting this growing demand and are thus allocating major funds towards healthcare ventures, said Dr Anil Krishna, chairman and MD of Medicover Group of Hospitals. "This influx of investments underscores the confidence in the sector's future prospects and its pivotal role in addressing evolving healthcare needs of the population. As anticipation mounts, investors are seeking opportunities to contribute to advancement of healthcare infra and services in India," he added.

As per him, the surge in demand for private healthcare services following the pandemic underscores the vital role of hospital sector. This demand is likely to persist and even escalate, in the foreseeable future.

"India faces a notable shortage of hospital beds, a pressing issue further exacerbated by the recent health crisis. Addressing this shortfall presents a substantial opportunity for expansion and investment within the sector," Krishna added.

Recently, global investment firm KKR announced the acquisition of Healthium Medtech, a medical devices company, from an affiliate of funds advised by Apax Partners. The acquisition will be made by a special purpose vehicle owned by KKR-managed funds which will acquire a controlling stake in the group, including Healthium, it said.

In April, Apollo HealthCo, an arm of Apollo Hospitals Enterprises, entered a pact to raise equity capital of ₹2,475 crore from PE investor Advent International. In the same month, healthcare provider in Northern India Ujala Cygnus announced its partnership with General Atlantic. GA acquired a majority stake in the hospital chain, as per the data, the investment is $120 million.

Anil Krishna said, "Initially, there was a noticeable trend towards single-specialty chains, mainly in areas like women's and child health, cancer care, and ophthalmology. These specialised centres catered to specific healthcare needs with focused expertise and precision. However, over time, there has been a shift towards a more comprehensive disease management approach."

"While specialised chains continue to play a crucial role, there is a growing recognition that addressing complex health issues often requires collaboration across specialties. This has led to emergence of multi-specialty chains that offer a holistic approach to healthcare delivery, incorporating diverse medical disciplines under one roof," he added.

Last month alone, investors put in NephroPlus, Centre for Sight and Artemis Hospital. Quadria India, IIFL AMC invested $103 million in dialysis chain NephroPlus and International Finance Corporation (IFC) invested $40 million in Artemis Hospital. Centre for Sight, an eye care chain based out of New Delhi, has received a $100 million from ChrysCapital.

Investors see projected growth of hospital sector as an opportunity for high returns, said Somdutta Singh, founder and CEO Assiduus Global Inc, LP Angel Investor. As per Singh, the Indian hospital sector is on the cusp of a major transformation.

PE/VC INVESTMENTS (2019-2024*)

Company	Investor	Amount ($MN)	Month
Manipal Hosp	TPG Capital, Temasek	2,400	April 2023
Indira IVF	Baring Asia	732	July 2023
Care Hosp	Blackstone	700	May 2023
Asian Institute of Gastro	Baring Asia	316	July 2022
Sahyadri Hosp	Ontario Teachers Pension Plan	315	Aug 2022
Apollo Hosp	Advent International	300	April 2024
Manipal Hosp	NIIF	283	March 2021
ASG Eye Hosp	Anicut Capital, Kedaara, General Atlantic	187	July 2022
Asia Healthcare	GIC	170	Feb 2022
Maxivision Eye Hosp	Quadria India, IFC	158	July 2023

*Data as of May 24, 2024 **Source:** Venture Intelligence

Influx of investments underscores the confidence in the sector's future prospects and pivotal role in addressing health care needs

Dr A Krishna, chairman & MD, Medicover Group

NEWSCOPE

FREER GOLD IMPORTS WILL HELP RID US OF SMUGGLERS

GURBIR SINGH

THE recent arrest in the Delhi airport of a duo, one of them a part-time aide of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, has once again revived the exciting discussion on 'gold smuggling'. Tharoor's aide, one Shiv Kumar Prasad, who seemed to have an 'aerodrome' pass that allowed him access to the airport's security area, was caught receiving 500 grams of the precious metal from an associate who had just landed.

After the Gold (Control) Act, 1962 was abolished as part of the government's liberalization package in 1990, and gold was allowed to be imported freely, gold smuggling became passe. Now, with a steady rise in import duty, gold smuggling has become lucrative again.

Another recent case that brought the spotlight back on gold smuggling was a seizure in July 2020 of 30 kilograms of 24 carat gold worth Rs 15 crore from a diplomatic bag destined for the UAE Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram. The seizure and arrests exposed the sophisticated nexus between politicians, diplomats and the smugglers.

Troubled history

India has had a troubled history with Gold. The government realized the hard way that owning the precious metal is so intrinsically tied to the Indian psyche that no legal controls can restrict the appetite for gold. It started with the Gold (Control) Act 1962. It was promulgated during the crisis with China and the early years of foreign exchange shortage, and the fiat recalled all gold loans by banks and banned forward trading.

Subsequent legislations in 1963 and 1965 banned production of gold jewelry above 14 carat fineness and a gold bond scheme was launched to mop up private gold holdings. Then came Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Gold (Control) Act in 1968, which barred citizens from owning gold in the form of bars and coins. All existing holdings had to be converted to jewelry.

The government expected this would bring down consumption of gold and hence its imports, and help preserve precious foreign exchange. It was an unsustainable absurdity. What happened was the government killed the official gold market, but instead created a booming black market. While the mafia thrived, the poor, small artisans of the Sonar community were rendered penniless.

By 1990, India was ready to dismantle its License Raj. The Gold Control Act was repealed on 6 June, 1990. Then Union finance minister Madhu Dandvate opened up gold imports on payment of a duty of Rs 250 per 10 grams. The philosophy

SOURAV ROY

shifted to allowing free imports so that some taxes came to the government, rather than losing it all to the smuggler mafia. From almost no official imports in 1991, India imported 110 tonnes of the yellow metal in 1992.

Regressive taxation

Today, India imports as much as 800-900tonnes annually valued at about $40 billion, but with the demand at about 1,000-1,100 tonnes. The 20% or about 200 tonnessupply gap is made up with smuggled gold as there is considerable profit in the arbitrage. This is because from near negligible customs duty of Rs 250 per 10 grams in 1990, import duty has been rising steadily. In the FY2024, import duty was hiked on gold and coins of precious metals to 15% from the existing 10%. This includes basic custom duty of 10% and Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) of 5%.

These higher taxes have given a fillip to new, and more sophisticated smuggling syndicates. It's a mass operation with airports like Chennai, Kozhikode, Kochi, Mumbai, and Delhibecoming the main hubs for entry. Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) figures show gold seizures around Rs 4,000 crore in FY2024, which is just about 5% or the tip of iceberg of the $10 billion 'smugglers' market.

Demand for gold is also volatile and influenced by a variety of factors. In India, as elsewhere, it is seen as a hedge against inflation and crisis. Currently, with two active theatres of war – in the Ukraine and in the Gaza strip – there has been increasing demand for the yellow metal as a less risky diversification from other asset classes.

Another important point of demand is gem and jewelry manufacture. The jewelry manufacturers import almost all their inputs – diamonds, and other precious stones as well as gold – but at the same time are bigexporters of valued-added jewelry – a gain for the country. In FY2024, though there was a dip in exports by 12% from the previous year, the industry still did well to notch up $32 billion in outbound sales.

In this scenario, and considering shortage of foreign exchange is no more an issue, the government should take a relook at its customs duty policy. Import duty is usually calibrated to protect local manufacture. In this case, there is hardly any domestic gold production. Dubai and Singapore, with their zero-duty policies, have made these countries a gold hub, attracting heavy transit traffic and gaining in secondary trades.

The loss in tax by reducing customs duty will be more than made up by the volume that will increase in legal imports. Gold smuggling has only reared its head because of the arbitrage opportunities. If the gap in prices is closed between Dubai and Mumbai, there will be no incentive for smuggling.

INDIRECT TAX

GST collection in May up 10% to ₹1.73 lakh cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CONTINUING with the trend of robust growth, GST collections in May logged 10% year-on-year increase in gross GST collection at ₹1.73 lakh crore.

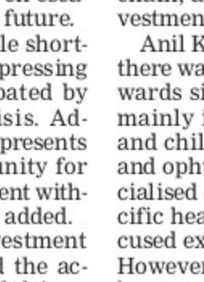
This growth was mainly driven by mop-up from domestic transactions (up 15.3%) even as collection from imports slowed down to 4.3%. After accounting for refunds, the net GST collection for May 2024 stands at ₹1.44 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of 6.9% compared to the same period last year. In April, the gross GST collection crossed ₹2 lakh crore for the first time.

Of the ₹1.73 lakh crore, Central GST stood at ₹32,409 crore, SGST at ₹40,265 crore and integrated GST at ₹87,781 crore (including ₹39,879 crore from imported goods). Collection from cess stood at ₹12,284 crore, including ₹1,076 crore collected on imported goods. After regular settlement from IGST, total revenue under CGST is ₹70,928 crore and under SGST is ₹72,999 crore. Gross GST revenue in FY25 till May 2024 stood at ₹3.83 lakh crore, showing 11.3% YoY growth, driven by 14.2% rise in collections from domestic transactions. After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue in the FY25 till May 2024 stands at ₹3.36 lakh crore.

May vehicle sales moderate to 4% at 3.50 lakh units

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

PASSENGER vehicle (PV) sales during the month of May were in the slow lane as buyers' sentiments were impacted by general elections and extreme heat waves. Growing by a modest 4%, PV dispatches from companies to dealers stood at 3,50,257 units in May 2024 as compared to 3,35,436 units in May 2023.



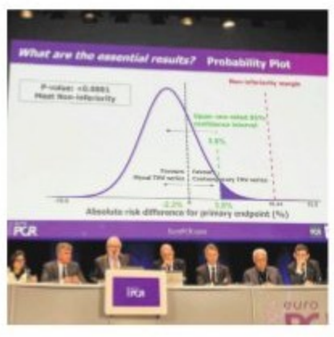
Maruti Suzuki (MSI) reported that its domestic PV sales rose marginally to 144,002 units last month from 143,708 units in the year-ago period. "It has been discussed that growth this year will not be very high. It will be in single digit because of the high base effect. Secondly, there were elections and the scorching temperatures also had an impact on the overall sales in May," said Partho Banerjee, MSI Senior Executive Officer (marketing & sales).

Sales growth of MSIL's entry-level and compact cars were again in negative territory. To revive the segment, MSIL announced new Dream limited editions for Alto K10, S-Presso and Celerio. All three cars will be similarly priced at ₹4.99 lakh (ex-showroom).

Hyundai Motor India (HMIL) reported a 1% year-on-year increase in domestic dispatch to 49,151 units last month. "In April also the industry grew by around 1.5%...so April plus May the industry growth should be around 2-2.5% over same period last year," said HMIL COO Tarun Garg. Kia India's May sales grew by 4% to 19,500 while Tata Motors' PV sales grew by 2% y-o-y to 47,075 units in May.

Meanwhile, SUV majors Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota (TKM) continue to grow at a much faster pace than the industry. Mahindra reported a robust 31% increase in PV dispatches last month at 43,218 units. Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) reported a 24% increase in total wholesales in May at 25,273 units.

Growing forward, industry experts believe sales tax pick up once election results are out and a stable government is formed.



MERIL's Next-Gen Myval THV Series Marks India's Triumph in Global Heart

Exciting news from Meril Life Sciences! The LANDMARK trial's 30 days primary outcomes were presented on 15th May at EuroPCR 2024, Paris, France. LANDMARK was recognized by EuroPCR as one of the top three late breaking trials poised to transform revolutionise current practices in the field of Interventional Cardiology. The LANDMARK study showed that the performance of Myval THV series in terms of safety and effectiveness was non-inferior to the contemporary THV series (24.7% vs. 27.0%, occurrence of primary composite endpoint which is composite of deaths, stroke, major bleeding, acute kidney injury, major vascular complications, moderate or severe valve regurgitation, and the need for new permanent pacemaker implantation as per the third Valve Academic Research Consortium consensus) with no difference in itemized components of the composite endpoints.

Business & Beyond

Union Bank of India hosted event on "Market Outlook & Opportunities"

Bhubaneswar: Union Bank of India, Bhubaneswar Zone has successfully organized a customer meet on "Market Outlook and Opportunities" on 28th May 2024 at Bhubaneswar. About 150 customers of the Bank attended this innovative event organized by the bank. Keynote address was given by executive director, Union Bank, Nitesh Ranjan followed by presentation from Ms Kanika Pasricha, CEA, Union Bank and Prashant Sharma, CIO, SUD Life. Sarvesh Ranjan, Zonal Head Bhubaneswar welcomed the customers and expressed his gratitude for their participation.

PNB Zonal manager visited Berhampur circle

Berhampur: Rajesh Kumar, Zonal Manager of PNB Bhubaneswar Zone on a two day tour to Bank's Berhampur Circle on 29/05/2024. During the day, he reviewed the performance of the Circle under key business parameters and deliberated regarding the corporate vision & expectations for the present financial year. He visited the local PNB branches and assessed the quality of customer service provided by the branches. A brief customer meeting was also organized wherein while addressing the customers Mr. Kumar emphasized on Bank's digital products, online loan facilities and Bank's commitment to ensure banking with ease to all it's customers.

GST Payment Services launched at Dhanlaxmi

Dhanlaxmi Bank introduced the Goods and Services Tax (GST) payment services, aimed at providing a seamless and convenient tax payment experience for its customers. This integration with the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) portal is a strategic move aimed at streamlining tax compliance, and delivering effortless solutions for GST payments. The Bank offered various channels for making GST payments: E-Payment (Net Banking): Customers can conveniently pay their GST dues online through its secure net banking platform.

Balmer Lawrie announces FY24 results

Kolkata: Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., a Miniratna I diversified PSE under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GOI with presence in manufacturing and services sectors, has announced results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2024. The results were approved by the Board in its Meeting held on 24th May 2023. The total income for the fourth quarter of FY 2023-24decreased by5.64% and stood at Rs616.71 croresas compared to the same period last year.While the Profit Before Tax (PBT)for the quarter ended 31st March 2023is Rs 78.20 crores, the net profit (PAT) for the quarter is Rs 51.36 crore.

Karthik retires from competitive cricket

Dinesh Karthik announced his retirement from all forms of competitive cricket after two decades of playing for India. "Having given plenty of thought for sometime now, I have decided to move on from playing competitive cricket. I officially announce my retirement and put my playing days behind me as I square up for the new challenges that lie ahead," Karthik said in a statement.

Chess C'ship: Chennai, Singapore & New Delhi submit bids to host final

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THREE cities, including Chennai, are in the running to host the chess World Championship final between Ding Liren and D Gukesh. Singapore and New Delhi are the two other cities in with a chance of hosting one of chess' blue-riband meet.

"Three bids to host the FIDE World Championship Match-2024," Emil Sutovsky, CEO of the world governing body, FIDE, posted on X on Friday. "Chennai, Singapore and New Delhi. All meet the criteria. Next week, FIDE Council to discuss it — representatives of the bidders invited to share details and take questions. Final decision in June." May 31 was the deadline to send the bids.

Going by Sutovsky's post, Chennai was the first to submit the bid before New Delhi and Singapore in that order. Out of the three, both Chennai (2013) and New Delhi (part-hosted in 2000) have previously hosted the final.

Gukesh, who won the Candidates in Canada in April, does like playing at Chennai, his home turf. In 2022, he won individual gold at the Olympiad. In December 2023, he won the Chennai Grandmasters event, the competition that helped him qualify to the Candidates as FIDE Circuit Leader.

Interestingly, the Chennai bid was made via the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu while the Delhi one was submitted via the All India Chess Federation.

"FIDE wrote to the honourable chief minister of Tamil Nadu about entering the bid process," confirmed SDAT member secretary Meghanath Reddy. "After deliberations and discussions including with FIDE and taking clearance from the highest level of Government, SDAT submitted the bid representing the Tamil Nadu government." The final is scheduled to be held between November 20 and December 15.

Emil Sutovsky, CEO of FIDE

Singapore may hold edge

A hour or so after FIDE announced the results of the bidding process, Sutovsky answered a few questions on ChessBase India's YouTube channel. The FIDE CEO said one of the criteria they will look at is neutrality so Singapore does score highly in this regard.

However, that isn't the only criteria they will look. In fact, Sutovsky raised the prospect of two venues to decide the world champion — so any combination of Delhi/Singapore, Chennai/Singapore or Delhi/Chennai. This of course is nothing new for the game. There have been previous occasions when the title match has been held in multiple venues.

When it was put to Sutovsky about the unusual nature of multiple bids from one country, he elaborated. "The first one came from Chennai," he said. "It's hardly surprising because Chennai is home for Gukesh. It's natural that the local government backed it.

"About the Delhi bid, it arrived last. According to the bid, they will host the event at a very prestigious venue. It's backed by the All India Chess Federation and the sports ministry. (An) internal clash but due to intricacies, I will not go into details."

A final decision will be made by the last week of June. The next step is a meeting with representatives of all three bidders.

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- All three bids backed by government structures
- All of them have promised at least $8.5mn (a FIDE condition when they opened process)
- Possibility of splitting the title match so any combination of Singapore/Chennai, Singapore/Delhi or Delhi/Chennai
- Neutrality one of the criteria so Singapore may hold an edge
- Bids will also have to positively influence future of the game in the venue (leaving behind a legacy)

Living the American dream

After featuring for India, country of his birth, in two age-group World Cups, USA all-rounder Harmeet left for the land of opportunities. Few years later, he's part of a global ICC event

GOMESH S @ Chennai

IT'S Tuesday morning in Dallas. The T20 World Cup warm-up match between United States and Bangladesh had just been called off because of rain. Harmeet Singh — one of the stars for USA during the bilateral series win against the same opponents — had gotten back and was out with his family for breakfast.

Four years ago, when Harmeet moved to the US in pursuit of his dream of playing at the highest level, little did he imagine he would be making his T20 World Cup debut. It was a leap of faith against all odds. Harmeet, a Mumbai-born cricketer, had been playing first-class cricket as a professional for Tripura and he realised he could get stuck if he didn't do something. So, when an offer came to play in Major League Cricket in the US, the left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder took it with both hands.

However, it was not easy. He flew in alone while his wife visited for a month before going back. She had her own job in India and was also pregnant. Harmeet had no choice but to pursue his dream while trying to make ends meet. He playing in Atlanta, and then moved to Seattle where he was playing as well as doing some coaching. It looked that things were starting to settle down. Harmeet was getting his visa sorted, while his wife had moved to Austin to her sister's place.

However, things took a turn for the worse in the middle of 2021. Harmeet lost both his grandfather and mother in a matter of few months to the Covid pandemic. "I lost my mom, my grandfather in 2021 and I couldn't go back," Harmeet recalls in a phone conversation with this daily. "In April 2021, I lost my mom. In May, I lost my grandfather. In June was when my daughter was born. So it was a very emotional ride for me personally."

Mumbai-born USA all-rounder Harmeet Singh with his family | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Once her daughter Heer Kaur was born, Harmeet's life changed dramatically. His priorities became different and he did not have the option of giving up. "When you see a child in front of you, there's a lot of reality with you. And you know that you're really accountable for. I really changed as a person. I knew what I had to do. I was playing on the weekend, working out in the morning, practicing in the afternoon, coaching on evenings. So those were very hectic days. But, all in all, now when I look back, that also made me realise that hard work and not giving up attitude can really help overcome anything," Harmeet says.

As the conversation treads back to his family, his toddler son Kabir Singh starts crying and Harmeet pauses and tends to him before getting back. "Family is the most important pillar in your life. When the going is tough, you always realise that family is the one who's always by your side. Family is the most important thing and I will do whatever it takes to keep the family peace intact," says Harmeet.

While Harmeet was playing for various leagues, including Thunderbolts in Minor League Cricket, MLC got a boost with Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises got involved. Harmeet, however, was signed by Seattle Orcas, who reached the final before losing to MI New York in 2023. Later that year, Harmeet eventually qualified to play for the United States. However, it did not happen until April 2024 when he took the field against Canada. Since then, there has been no looking back as USA beat Canada and Bangladesh in the lead up to the T20 World Cup.

For Harmeet — who played two U19 World Cups for India — there are no regrets. Growing up, he dreamt of playing for India but life has brought him to a place where he will be playing against the same country in the T20 World Cup.

While he acknowledges that he owes it to the USA, the land where his dreams came true, Harmeet wants to just focus on his game. "For me, it's like 'if it's there, it's very good and then if it's not there, I can look for the opportunities'. Growing up, my eventual dream was to play for India right now. I was always aspiring to play the highest level. It didn't happen in India. Since I've been able to accomplish that dream for the USA, we try to live it to the maximum and give my best."

For his father Jasbir Singh, who is at home in Mumbai receiving treatment for a medical condition, it will mean a little bit more. "It's not a great state for him but then he watches all my games despite the time difference and all. Maybe if we get the time for highlights, he will watch highlights but he'll watch it. My wife sends him all the videos and all the other things that he misses," says Harmeet.

When he will take the field to face Canada in a few hours' time at the Grand Prairie Stadium in the opening game, he will have his wife, daughter and son to cheer from the stands. And so will his father back in Mumbai, watching him on TV early in the morning.

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Men in Blue beat Bangladesh in T20 WC warm-up

NEW YORK: In their only warm-up match, India coasted past Bangladesh. After batting first, they made 182/5 on the back of a rapid 50 from Rishabh Pant and a late cameo from Hardik Pandya. Bangladesh were never in the game and stumbled to 122/9.

Brief scores: India 182/5 in 20 ovs (Rishabh 53, Hardik 40) **bt** Bangladesh 122/9 in 20 ovs (Shakib 28, Mahmudullah 40, Arshdeep 2/12, Shivam 2/11).

CAN PNG PUNCH ABOVE WEIGHT?

They have had some serious wins under Assad Vala but lost both warm-ups against Oman and Namibia. For them to put on a show, Tony Ura, opener, will need to do something incredible against WI.

EYES ON GUDAKESH

The left-arm spinner has played some crucial role in recent times and will be leading WI spin attack in the WC. While they have loaded up on aggressive batters, Motie and Akeal Hosein will be key

POINTS TO PONDER

While Papua New Guinea take on T20 giants West Indies, Oman and Namibia fight it out. A look...

SCHEDULE

West Indies vs Papua New Guinea, Providence, **8 PM (Sunday)**

Oman vs Namibia, Bridgetown, **6AM (Monday)**

Live on Star Sports and Hotstar

CHANCE FOR OMAN

Coming into the World Cup, Oman had just lost a five match series against Namibia 2-3. However, what's important for Oman is that they know they can beat Namibia on a given day. And they will take all confidence from the two wins against them earlier when they take field on Sunday.

MAXWELL EXCELS WHEN LEFT ALONE: SRIRAM

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

MOST of the Australian players had a very good season during the recent Indian Premier League. The manner in which Mitchell Starc bowled in the final, especially his dismissal of Abhishek Sharma of SRH, was one of the highlights.

Sridharan Sriram, former India player and former assistant coach of Australia, was expectedly following their performances closely and believes that the team from Down Under will be one of the favourites to capture the T20 World Cup in USA and West Indies.

Sriram also spoke about Glenn Maxwell, who was one of the rare Australian players to toil during the IPL this season. Excerpts...

● How do you fancy Australia's chances in the T20 WC?
Australia, without a doubt, start as one of the favourite teams given their recent success (World Cup winner) in the 50-over World Cup in sub-continent conditions.

● Some former players believe that IPL was better preparation than playing some bilateral T20s like England did. Your thoughts...
IPL is great preparation given the pressure to execute every ball. The expectations to perform as bowlers and to be a match winner as an overseas batter.

● Who will be the key batters for Australia, especially during powerplay?
Australia will open with David Warner and Travis Head with Mitchell Marsh at No 3, they will hold the key upfront.

● Who do you think should be the finisher or has the potential to be a finisher?
Australia has good batting depth and will go with Marcus Stoinis/ Cameron Green, Tim David, Matthew Wade at 5, 6, 7 followed by Pat Cummins and Starc at 8 and 9. So it is not just about one player being the finisher, whoever gets into the groove will finish the job.

● On spinners who could play a key role for Australia...
They have two very good spinners in Adam Zampa and Maxwell. If they need an extra spin option, they can go to Ashton Agar. They can also play Nathan Ellis, who bowls very good slower balls. They have all bases covered.

● On pacers in the team
Fast bowling is in great hands with Starc in red-hot form. They also have Cummins and Josh Hazlewood. They have Ellis as cover, plus Stoinis, Cameroon Green and Marsh can bowl. They have plenty of options.

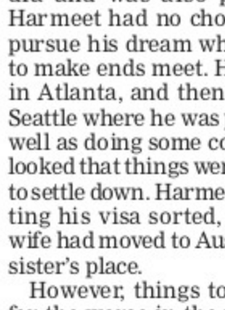
● Your thoughts on having different captains for different formats...
Australia are well-oiled and well-prepared as a team, each player knows his role quite well. So Marsh or Cummins doesn't matter.

● On Maxwell...
Australia will look to keep the spotlight away from him. He does well when left alone. Also, he always contributes with the bat, ball or on the field. He is an asset with his experience in white-ball cricket, irrespective of his form.

Jaismine enters quarters, Sachin set for box-off

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

JAISMINE Lamboria stayed in contention of regaining the Olympic quota in the women's 57-kg category as she posted a comprehensive win in the 2nd World Qualification Tournament in Bangkok on Saturday. Jaismine beat Switzerland's Ana Marija Milisic 5-0 in the Round of 16. There are four quotas on offer in Jaismine's weight category.



Sachin Siwach, however, lost his first opportunity to seal a quota as he went down in the semifinal. Sachin lost 0-5 against Tokyo Games silver medallist Carlo Paalam of Philippines in the men's 57kg category. As there are three quotas on offer, he'll fight against the other semifinal loser for a chance to secure a ticket for Paris.

India have a total of four quotas so far with Nishant Dev (71kg) being the latest to win the same.

INDIA THRASH GERMANY 3-0

LONDON: India exploited a rusty German defence, punching three goals as the Harmanpreet Singh-led side outclassed the world champions to make a winning start to the London leg of the FIH Pro Hockey League here on Saturday. Drag-flicker Harmanpreet (16th minute), Sukhjeet Singh (41st) and Gurjant Singh (44th) tormented an out-of-sorts young German side, which started off on a roaring note but could not sustain the momentum for long. The World No 5 India, with 24 points from 13 outings are third, while Argentina are second with 26 points from 14 matches. Netherlands are leading the table with 26 points.

PRO LEAGUE

Sabalenka dispatches 'best friend' Badosa at French Open

AGENCIES @ Paris

ARYNA Sabalenka overcame a sluggish start to defeat close friend Paula Badosa 7-5, 6-1 on Saturday to take her place in the last 16 of the French Open.

Former World No 2 Badosa led 5-3 in the first set but two-time Australian Open champion Sabalenka reeled off 10 of the final 11 games to sweep into the second week for the second year in a row. "It's tough to play your best friend, but we know how to separate things," said Sabalenka, who shared a warm embrace with Badosa at the net. "I just tried to play my best. I know the conditions were tough and the serve wasn't an advantage."

Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka plays a shot against Spain's Paula Badosa (not in pic) | AFP

Sabalenka, a semi-finalist in Paris in 2023, has made at least the last four at her past six Grand Slams and is expected to be Iga Swiatek's chief rival in the Pole's bid for a fourth French Open title. It's been a tough road for Badosa, 26, after sustaining a stress fracture in her back last year that doctors said would compromise her hopes of playing at the top level.

The Spaniard was told she might have to manage her pain using cortisone shots in order to stay competing and admitted recently she has had many low moments as she tries to come to terms with the medical advice she is being given. But after sitting out three of four Grand Slams in 2023, she was able to look at the positives from her return to Roland Garros.

Meanwhile, fifth seed Daniil Medvedev beat Tomas Machac in four sets to reach the last 16 at the French Open for the third time in his career. Medvedev won 7-6 (4), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 against the World No 34 from the Czech Republic. Germany's Alexander Zverev had to dig deep to get the better of Tallon Griekspoor of Netherlands. Zverev won 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

Alcaraz enters last 16

Carlos Alcaraz powered into the second week with a straight sets victory. Alcaraz beat USA's Sebastian Korda 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Balaji-Martinez advance

India's N Sriram Balaji booked his maiden French Open pre-quarterfinals berth as he and his Mexican partner Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela Martinez beat the pair of Dan Added and Theo Arribage in three sets (6-4, 3-6, 6-2).

EXPRESS READ

Treesa & Gayatri's dream run ends with semifinal loss

SINGAPORE: Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand's stunning run at the Singapore Open came to an end with a straight game loss to World No 4 pair Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida in semifinals. With the defeat, India's campaign at the BWF World Tour Super 750 also ended. Indians were no match for the Japanese who 23-21, 21-11.

Sydney McLaughlin sets world leading time in 400m hurdles

MIAMI: Olympic champion Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone cruised to victory in a world-leading 52.7 seconds in her first 400m hurdles race for nearly two years in Atlanta on Friday. McLaughlin-Levrone had not run her signature event since August 2022 but the 24-year-old showed no signs of rust as she left the rest of the field trailing in her wake in Friday's outing.

Bagnaia wins Italian MotoGP sprint as Martin falls

MUGELLO: Defending world champion Francesco Bagnaia of Ducati won the Italian MotoGP sprint at Mugello on Saturday ahead of Spanish pair Marc Marquez and Pedro Acosta. World championship leader Jorge Martin fell and failed to finish this seventh sprint of 20 Moto GP but he still leads Bagnaia by 27 points in the current campaign.

DP Manu wins gold in javelin throw at Taiwan Open

NEW DELHI: India's DP Manu clinched the gold medal in men's javelin throw event at the Taiwan Open 2024 with a throw of 81.58m in Taipei on Saturday. The Asian Athletics Championship silver medallist registered his best throw in his last attempt. Taiwan Open is is a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze-level meet and awards crucial ranking points.

Counting the people's verdict in democracy

WITH the polling part of the general elections done and dusted, the suspense now is on the people's mandate. It will be known on June 4 when the votes are counted. The Election Commission of India last week released the absolute number of votes polled in each constituency till the sixth and the penultimate phase, after shutting the door on the demand by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) for release of granular polling data in the Supreme Court.

Explaining its U-turn, the poll panel said it felt strengthened by the Supreme Court's observations and verdict. The court had rejected the plea to publish polling station-wise voter turnout data within 48 hours of voting and uploading copies of Form 17C, saying "granting interim relief would mean allowing the final relief" in the main petition that is pending before a different bench since 2019. "This brings upon the Commission a higher responsibility to serve the cause of electoral democracy with undeterred resolution," it said.

Days before releasing the absolute data, the ECI sought to mark its territory in its affidavit in the Supreme Court. It said it was not statutorily mandated to put out the voting data, yet it was providing approximate percentages in real time through a voter turnout app to promote fairness and transparency. But the app data was subject to human error, which was why the matter came to the court. Justice Dipankar Datta concurred and cited a Hindi proverb *aa bail mujhe maar* (itself inviting trouble) to characterise the poll panel's predicament.

Data analysis

Political parties and the civil society have since pored over the absolute number of votes polled and come up with some interesting findings. For example, there was lesser polling in 124 of the 485 constituencies till the sixth phase, yet the overall turnout percentage this year was the same as in 2014 and a little less than in 2019. Then there were two contrasting interpretations on the comparatively low voter turnout by veteran politicos Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Kishor. While Yadav saw the BJP taking a big hit at the hustings, Kishor thought otherwise.

Counting process

With the exit poll verdict adding to the guessing game at a time when the neutrality of the poll body is under the microscope, let's understand the existing mechanism of counting votes and the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPATs) paper slips. For starters, counting of votes is done under the supervision of the Returning Officer of the constituency in the presence of the candidates or their agents. It can be done simultaneously at more than one place and/or at more than one table at the same place. Each candidate can appoint counting agents for each of the counting places and tables. The whole process is described in great detail in the ECI's handbooks and manuals.

To take muscle power out of the equation, no person having security cover provided by either the Union or the state governments is allowed to act as a counting agent even if they surrender or decide to relinquish their security. Such persons cannot enter the counting hall with or without the security personnel. Only if such an individual is a contesting candidate and gives an undertaking that he has surrendered his armed security personnel voluntarily so as to sit in the counting hall, he/she can be allowed entry. As a result, the appointment of people like a sitting minister or MP/MLA or Mayor or Chairperson of Municipality/Zila Parishad/Panchayat Union, etc or chairpersons and members of Central PSUs/State PSUs and government bodies/Corporation as counting agents is ruled out.

Number of counting agents

Each candidate can appoint as many counting agents as there are counting tables and one more to watch counting at the Returning Officer's table. Not more than 14 tables plus one table for the Returning Officer can be provided in one counting hall. However, extra tables are needed for counting postal ballots and Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballots (ETPBS), so candidates get to appoint additional counting agents for each such extra table. Counting agents are not allowed to carry mobile phones/I-Pad/laptop or any such electronic device that can record audio or video inside the counting centre. In states where elections to the Lok Sabha and the legislative assembly were held together, the counting is done simultaneously, assembly segment-wise.

First up, postal ballots

Postal ballots are of two types - ETPBs and normal postal ballot papers. ETPBs are exclusively meant for Service voters and are sent by the Returning Officer online. But the return journey of the cast ballot paper is through the physical postal system. As for the normal postal ballot paper, it is meant for various categories of electors like officials on election duty, senior citizens above 80 years, persons with disabilities, etc. There is no difference in the counting process of both these categories after the ballots are validated. A postal ballot is rejected if no vote is recorded thereon; or if votes are given on it in favour of more than one candidate; or if it has been so badly mutilated that its identity cannot be established. If the eventual victory margin is less than that of the rejected postal ballots, the Returning Officer shall personally re-examine all those postal ballots to confirm the rejection was appropriate.

Control unit

A control unit records the polled votes through the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). The unit alone is required for counting of votes. It has provisions for displaying the data recorded in the machine, like the number of candidates, total number of votes polled, votes secured by each candidate, etc. The Result compartment of the unit has the following features:

- Close button on the left side. It is pressed at the end of polling to shut down the machine.
- Two buttons in the middle — Result and Print. As the name suggests, the Result button reveals the outcome of polling in the particular EVM on a display screen. The Print button is for printout of the detailed result. To print, a special gadget has to be attached to the unit.
- Clear button on the right. It wipes out all data recorded in the machine, when it is no longer required.

Counting of EVM votes

After 30 minutes of the commencement of postal ballot counting, the EVM counting can start. The control units of EVMs are distributed to the counting tables in sequence. For example, the control unit of the first EVM of polling station No. 1 goes to table No. 1, that of the first EVM of polling station No. 2 is placed on table No. 2 and so on. Counting begins after due diligence, including verification of seals on the control units. That is when counting agents are expected to be extra vigilant so as to ensure the units have not been tampered with. Total votes from 14 EVMs on 14 tables constitute a round of counting. Each round can begin only after counting in the previous round is over.

In the case of simultaneous elections, the total number of counting tables are divided into two groups of equal number of tables. The first group is for the assembly election and the other for the Parliamentary election. If the total number of counting tables is 14, in the first round of counting, the first control unit for the assembly election used at polling station No 1 is given to table number 1 and the first control unit used for Lok Sabha election at polling station No 1 goes to table number 8, which is the first table for the counting of votes for the Parliamentary election. At the close of each round, the observer would randomly select any two control units in the round to see if their polling data matches what was taken on record.

Result button

After satisfying themselves that the seals on the control unit have not been tampered with, the votes recorded therein are counted. For this purpose, the following procedure is followed by the counting supervisor:

- The power switch provided in the rear compartment of the control unit is switched on. The "ON" lamp in the display section of the control unit will glow green.
- A Green Paper Seal over the Result button provided beneath the upper aperture of the inner cover of the result section is pierced through.
- The Result button is then pressed. It reveals the total votes recorded against each candidate and that for the NOTA (None of the above) option in the display panel of the control unit.
- The result is displayed sequentially, candidate-wise.

If the control unit does not display the result, its battery is replaced to check if the snag is in the power source. If it still does not work, the unit is shut and stored in the Returning Officer's custody. If there are more issues with some of the other control units, they too are set aside while the rest of the control units are processed. If in the final reckoning, the winning margin is greater than the cumulative count of votes polled in the control panels with problems, the latter are not taken into account and the result is declared. But if the margin is equal or less, the corresponding VVPATs of all dodgy control units are counted to arrive at the final tally.

VVPAT slip verification

Verification of VVPAT paper slips of randomly selected five polling stations per assembly segment of a Parliamentary constituency is mandatory. Those five polling booths are selected by a draw of lots. The verification of the paper slips is done sequentially i.e., one after another. If there is mismatch between the control unit's figure and the VVPAT's count, the slips are recounted till they tally. If the mismatch persists, the VVPAT slip count prevails.

The whole process is videotaped.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTING OFFICIALS

For each table earmarked for counting of votes in EVMs, the Returning Officer shall appoint a counting supervisor (Gazetted Officer or equivalent), a counting assistant, counting staff from MTS/Group D employees, and one micro observer. For each table for counting of postal ballots, the Returning Officer shall appoint one Assistant Returning Officer, one counting supervisor (Gazetted or equivalent), two counting assistants (Gazetted Officer or equivalent) and one micro observer. In addition, the Returning Officer shall appoint two micro observers and one additional counting staff to assist the observer. All such officials are picked through three rounds of randomisation to remove the possibility of bias.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I R.Mahendravarma Practicing Advocate and now I issuing public notice on behalf of my client **Smt. Savithri.D.V** W/o. Late S.S.Madikeri, residing at No.399, 28th Cross, Judicial Layout, G.K.V.K Post, Bangalore-560065 and she has lost original sale deed dated 30.09.1994 and same document duly registered before sub-registrar Yelahanka with registered as document No.3450/1994-95, Book-1 and Vol-511 and same document pertains to property bearing Site No.399 in the layout in several survey numbers at Allalasandra, Chikkabommasandra and Jakur Plantation formed by Judicial Department Employees HSBC and executed by Sri. Lingaiah and in favour of S.S.Madikeri, while she went for Xerox of same at Yelahanka and she has Lost Bag with same document in same bag on 10.05.2024, any person finding the original above with Bag please hand over below mentioned address or nearest police station or any person having any claim on same document and in any manner should write to the undersigned with documentary proof in support of your claim **within 07 days** of issuances of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims on same document.

Sd/- R.Mahendravarma, Advocate
No.42, R.G.Nagar, M.S.Playa,
Bangalore-560097, Mobile No.: 7795488467.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Deepa.A.S** W/o Ilayaraja.S, Residing at No.03, behind Rama Temple, Kammagondanahalli, Jala West, Banagalore-560100 confirm resident of the above address.

We hereby declare that my client has Lost the below mentioned Original Sale deeds near LIC HFL, Yelahanka Branch on 01st June 2024.

The Document of title Original Sale deeds with respect to Site No.25, Khatha No.587/34/1A and 1B measuring (30×40) feet, situated at Kasaghattapura village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, This above Original Sale Deed (Mother Deed) bearing Document No.1847/2007-08 dated 11/03/2008, is registered in the office of the SRO, Hesaraghatta. Further Police complaint has been lodged on 01/06/2024 in Online bearing Lost Report. No.1079296/2024 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed **within 14 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

A.Prashanth, Advocate
No.3755, SAMPRATHI, DESHADAPETE
Doddaballapur Town-561203. Mob : 9886628181.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank
Peenya II Stage Branch
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank, Peenya II Stage Branch,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: 1) M/s. Karnataka Rubber Industries, A-286, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 058. **2) Sri Ashraf Ali Khan** S/o. Hyder Ali Khan, No. 9/134, Divishang, Vaniyar Road, Chamaraja Nagar - 571313. **3) Sri Jamshed Anjum** S/o. Late K.R. Bhaseer, 176/6, Cavalry Court, 2nd Cross, Kaviraj Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560042. **4) Smt. Shakeela Banu,** No. 3B, Hombaale Residency, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore-570019.

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan	Limit Rs.	Date of Sanction
1	2454261005465	OCC/OD	Rs. 38,00,000/-	09.11.2022

Total Liability Amount : Rs. 37,85,276.19/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Six and Piase Nineteen only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date: 06.05.2024 **Demand Notice Date: 08.05.2024**

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the property known as Shed No. A-286, situated at Industrial Estate, Peenya IInd Stage of Peenya Industrial Area within the Peenya IInd Stage, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk - 560 058, now coming under the administrative jurisdition of BBMP, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, Peenya with New PID No. 041-W0395-13, standing on a plot of land measuring 16.05 meters, North to South and 57.70 meters East to West in all measuring 926.08 Sq. Meters comprising of an industrial factory shed standing there on measuring 491.52 Sq. meters including a block of latrine and urinals and open space and bounded as follows : **East by :** 6th Main Road, **West by :** Shed No. B-295, **North by :** Shed No. A-285, **South by :** Service Road.

The factory building being constructed in first class construction with cement mortar and portion measuring 17.25 Sq. meters having RCC roofing and a portion measuring 474.27 Sq. meters having asbestos sheet roofing supported on MS Angle fabricated channel fittings and cement mortar flooring. The Shed is fitted with two rolling shutters in front and rear portion respectively with MS Angle fabricated and glass fitted windows and ventilators.

Movable : Hypothecation of all current assets including available at present and in future including stocks & Book Debts.

You are here by called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to Canara Bank under theAct include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date: 01.06.2024 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SEDAM
Near State Bank of India, Sedam-585222, Dist : Kalaburagi State : Karnataka
WebSite: www.sedamtown.mrc.gov.in Phone: 08441-277912-276932

NO:TMC-SEDAM/SFC-15thFC/23-24 Date: 31.05.2024

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The Chief Officer TMC Sedam, Dist-Kalaburagi, Karnataka Invites Tenders Under The Grants SFC CAP 7.25%, 15thFC Savings, 15th FC For The Year 2023-24, Through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** KPP Portal as per the KTPP Act 2000 from Eligible Registered contractors

01) Works/Goods/Service Details: 1. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT9379/CALL-3 Others, 2. DMA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENT8746/CALL-3 Others, 3. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT4553/CALL-2 Others, 4 DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT14422/CALL-2 Others, 5 DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT14421/CALL-2 Others, 6 DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT14001/CALL-2 Others, 7. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT4540/CALL-4 Others, 8. DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT17876 Others, 9. DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT17877 Others, 10. DMA/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT16555/CALL-2 Others 11. DMA/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT16570 Others, 12. DMA/2023-24/TB/WORK_INDENT14002/CALL-2 SC-Category, 13. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT13647/CALL-2 SC-Category, 14. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT13646/CALL-2 SC-Category, 15. DMA/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT16557/CALL-2 SC-Category, 16. DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT17108 Others

02) Head of Account : **SFC CAP 7.25%, 15th FC Savings, 15th FC For The Year 2023-24**
03) Works/Goods/Service Estimated Cost: **Min Rs. 0.53 Lakhs to Max Rs. 79.50 Lakhs**
04) Contractors/Agency/Suppliers Edibility : Eligible Registered contractors, 05) Works/Goods/Service Tender Cost: **Min Rs. 0.53 Lakhs to Max Rs. 79.50 Lakhs**, 06) Last date for applying the tender:**17.06.2024 Evening 17.00 Hours**, 07) Tenders Opening Date: Technical Bid: **19.06.2024** Morning 11.00 Hours, Financial Bid – **21.06.2024** Morning 11.00 Hours, 08) Office Address and Contact Details: Town Municipal Council Sedam- 9611688976

DIPR/Kalaburagi/44/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- Chief Officer
TMC Sedam

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch (Earlier Cantonment Branch), Bengaluru of the Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **21.06.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM), for recovery of Rs. 6,55,32,040.64/-** with further interest and cost there on due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Mrs. Nikita Patil,** W/o. Mr.Siddharta Patil, H No.78, Swamy Vivekananda Layout, Sagar Road, Shimoga-577201, **Also residing at** No.684, 5th Cross, North Block, Upkar Layout, Upkar Residency, Bangalore-560056, **2. Mr. Deepak** C/o.Shankar Rao, S-257, 13th Main, 4th Cross, BEL Layout, Bharath Nagar, Bangalore-560 091, **also residing at** No.36, 4th Cross, Income Tax Layout, BEL Layout, 2nd Stage, Bharat Nagar, Bengaluru-560 091.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **20.06.2024 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring **Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under.

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1	Residential Flat bearing No.701, comprising of 3 BHK, in seventh floor of `**PRISTINE VARA'** having Super built up area of 2500 Sq.ft and Carpet area measuring 1665 Sq.ft, and right to use common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common usage and one covered car parking space in basement and bounded on: **East:** Private Property; **West:** Private Property; **North:** Road and **South:** Flat No.702.	₹ 325.90	₹ 32.59	₹ 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Mob. No. 9448507473 and 9627872626 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 30.05.2024 **Canara Bank**

SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA
"Lakshmi Sadana", No.3,4, East Anjaneya Temple Street,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph: 080 26614794

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken possession of the immovable property described below under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 and the same will be sold by inviting offers/tenders from the public on "As is Where is" and "As is what is Basis" subject to the terms and conditions mentioned below.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower:- Smt Nagaveni N W/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Names and Address of the Guarantors:-1) Sri Chidhanand R S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
2) Sri Raghu Prasad S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Outstanding Liabilities: Rs.19,55,284-00 as on 01-06-2024 with further interest and other charges.
2.Name and Address of the Borrower:-Smt Shwetha P W/o Sri Chidhanand R, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Names and Address of the Guarantors:-1) Smt Nagaveni N W/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
2) Sri Chidhanand R S/o Sri Ramaiah,No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Outstanding Liabilities: Rs.19,48,061-00 as on 01-06-2024 with further interest and other charges
3.Name and Address of the Borrower:- Sri Chidhanand R S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Names and Address of the Guarantors:-Smt Nagaveni N W/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
1.Sri Raghu Prasad S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Outstanding Liabilities: Rs.24,69,670-00 as on 01-06-2024 with further interest and other charges
4.Name and Address of the Borrower:- Sri Raghu Prasad S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Names and Address of the Guarantors:-Smt Nagaveni N W/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
2.Sri Chidhanand R S/o Sri Ramaiah, No.18, Sarovara Nilaya, Ramamurthy Nagar Main road, Kalkerei, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
Outstanding Liabilities: Rs.19,75,734-00 as on 01-06-2024 with further interest and other charges.
Total Outstanding Liabilities: Rs.83,48,749-00 as on 01-06-2024 with further interest and other charges
Description of immovable property mortgaged for the loan availed by Smt Nagaveni N W/o Sri Ramaiah (Borrower):- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.18, House List Katha No.275/1, situated at Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now coming under BBMP Jurisdiction, measuring East to West 127+128/2 ft and North to South 40+30/2 ft i.e North to South on the Eastern Side 40 feet and on the Western Side 30 feet, bounded on the East by P.W.D. Road, West by Private Property, North by Site No.17, South by Site No.19.
Reserve Price: Rs.2,35,09,500.00 **EMD : Rs.23,50,950-00**

Date of Opening Tenders at 3-00 p.m. on 20.06.2024 at Bank's Premises

Terms and conditions of the Auction :

1. The Property will not be sold below he Reserve Price.
2. The amount of EMD mentioned above shall be paid by way of Pay Order/DD/Banker's cheque drawn in favour of **"Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha"**, Bangalore-4 on or before **5.00 P.M. On 20-06-2024** along with tender/offer letter for purchase of the property in a sealed cover (EMD of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned without interest)
3. The offer/tender letter shall be accompained with attested copy of the PAN Card and photo identity of the bidder/offer with residential address proof.
4. The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer of the Bank in the presence of the bidders/tenderers (who may like to be present) on **19-06-2024 at 3.00 P.M.** The Authorized officer is at liberty to give an opportunity to bid or enhance the offer by the bidders or accept the highest bid amount or reject/postpone the sale of the property at his discretion without assigning any reason therefore.
5. Successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the final bid amount (including EMD) immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance sale price has to be remitted within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale or any other date as may be specified by the Authorized Officer.
6. The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses towards stamp duty, registration charges local taxes, power and water charges etc.,
7. On confirmation of sale by the Bank and upon compliance of terms of payment, the Authorized officer shall issue the sale certificate in the name of the Purchaser only in the Form in Appendix V of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules-2002.
8. The Bank reserves the right to forfeit the amounts already remitted by the bidder if he fails to remit the balance sale price within 15 days or any other date as specified by the Authorized Officer.
9. The Bank will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance or any other dues to the Government or any claim of any person in respect of the property being sold.
10. The bidder may inspect the property and verify the documents/title deeds available with the Bank with prior intimation and satisfy themselves before submitting the tender (Ph.No.080 26614794).

Note:- This is also a notice to the Borrowers/Guarantors for the loan about holding of acution sale of the property on the date indicated above if the Bank dues are not repaid in full before the date of auction.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/-**
Date :01.06.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore

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